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—I Thessalonians 5:18

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwell-
eth in Zion: declare among the people
his doings.

—Psalm 9:11

Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto
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—Psalm 33:2

By him therefore let us offer the
sacrifice of praise to God continually,
that is, the fruit of our lips, giving
thanks to his name.

—Hebrews 13:15

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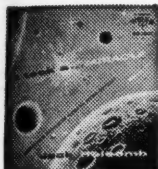
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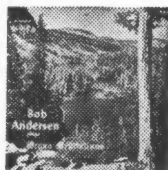
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For sheer beauty, purity of sound and majesty, this album far surpasses any that your reviewer has heard for quite some time. It has that certain magic something that makes you want to listen to it over and over again!

The grandeur of the jacket itself is arresting (for a reproduction, see the front cover picture of this issue of *The Defender*). But to enjoy the sound of true craftsmanship, one must place this latest release of Word Record's on your own phonograph turntable, dismiss from the mind any distracting thoughts, adjust the volume to just the right pitch ... and listen. The sounds are heavenly!

Greg Loren has an exciting voice. It is refreshing, uplifting. To hear him sing for the first time is a new experience in music.

In this particular album he is beautifully supported by the orchestra and chorus of Ralph Carmichael. The masterful handling of the instruments, the great depth, the joy, hope and everlasting beauty are all encompassed in the arrangements of this gifted arranger-conductor.

The selections chosen for this album will be new to some ears, but they will be songs to which your heart will readily respond. In a matter of hours, you will find yourself humming them, or running the words and melodies through your memory as you walk down the street. Three of the numbers were written by Stuart Hamblen:

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From the title song, "How Big Is God," right on through to the closing note of "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms," one cannot but feel, as a result of listening to this young man's testimony in song, that he knows to a greater degree the answer to the eternal question, "How Big Is God?"

Be sure to turn to page fourteen for a closer glimpse of this artist ... and watch the columns of your daily paper for Greg Loren is appearing in concerts, at banquets, conventions, conferences, church services, civic clubs, school assemblies, on radio, TV, and many other special events across the nation, under the auspices of "Music For America." When he comes to your town, don't fail to hear him. It will be an evening well invested.

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*****OUR COVER*****

Perched twelve-thousand feet above sea level, deep in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, near Aspen, Colorado, Greg Loren ponders the question, "How Big Is God?"

For a reply to his inquiry, be sure to read the article beginning on page fourteen of this Defender. Also see our review of his latest religious album (on this page).

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In this particular album they have ranged from the intense rhythm of the spiritual to the powerful anthem; from the great hymns, to gospel songs that are a part of the spiritual heritage of America. Included are:

My Jesus I Love Thee	Come Thou Almighty King
Go Forth With God	God Will Take Care Of You
Look Away To Heaven	I Need Thee Every Hour
Brother James' Air	Soon — Ah Will Be Done
God Be With You	I Would Be Like Jesus

Wonderful Words Of Life
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

The utter sincerity of the Laymen Singers is instantly perceived by the listener on this album, which is by far their most inspirational work to date. It is truly a beautiful blending of male voices, under the able direction of Ralph Carmichael.

THE WHITE SISTERS

The White Sisters. Word Records (W-3099-LP). Price \$3.98.

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WHERE IS OUR SENSE OF VALUES?

GWYNNE W. DAVIDSON, D.D.

President

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A UNIVERSITY of Illinois scientist believes that we in this country are losing our sense of values. I agree with him and I think *Defender* readers will agree with him, too.

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy says, "There must be something drastically wrong with our sense of values, when we, as a nation, allow without protest the terrible ruination of human life caused by the use of alcoholic beverages."

Here is a part of what he means by *terrible ruination*: The number of alcoholics is increasing at the rate of a half million a year. There are already eight million known alcoholics. Twenty thousand persons die and 400,000 are injured annually in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

Where is the logic to this sort of thing? I found an indisputable answer to this question in a church bulletin which recently came across my desk. The allegory speaks for itself.

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Just suppose there were 170 million cows in America. Let's suppose there is an industry doing a great business selling a certain kind of hay, called *Old Scarecrow*. While made entirely from locoweed, this hay is alluringly described as a blend of old straw aged in the cornfield. As a result, cows by the million turn from their sober diet of alfalfa and begin chewing *Old Scarecrow*.

Now let's suppose that this stuff makes the cows do silly things such as running into barbed wire fences, jumping off bridges, or running into automobiles — so much that a half million are killed or injured each year.

Suppose milk production is cut down because the users of *Old Scarecrow* lose fifty million "cow-days" a year. Suppose the life expectancy of the cows who chew it regularly is reduced by an average of twelve per cent. Suppose that it makes eight million of the cows so sick that

much of the time they are useless, and suppose that for every one that is cured, the industry makes ten more *Old Scarecrow* addicts. Suppose that caring for the victims of *Old Scarecrow* requires eighty per cent of the farmer's time.

And now, just suppose that in spite of all this, the merchants of this fatal fodder are allowed to advertise the stuff in every pasture, so that on almost every fence there appears large pictures of contented "Cows of Distinction" munching away on *Old Scarecrow*. And suppose that the manufacturers of *Old Scarecrow* are making a tremendous profit out of all this trouble and tragedy they cause the farmer.

How would you expect the farmers to take to all this? Would you expect them to take it sitting down? Or would you expect them to stand up and say to the producers of *Old Scarecrow*, "That ain't hay," and then put forth an effort to protect their cows by banning the advertising and promotion of *Old Scarecrow* from the range?

And now suppose that you cared as much about your *children* and your *fellowmen* as you would expect the farmer to care about his cows? *What would you do about drinking?*

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Do we not have to agree that the scientist was right? Our values have become twisted! We wouldn't think of exposing our domestic animals to the health menace to which Americans are being exposed. And yet very little is being done, says Dr. Ivy, to protect the public from the disastrous effects of alcoholism.

If we are not to lose our sense of values altogether, then Christians must do something about the liquor traffic. In the past, aroused Christians have been a strong force in turning the tide against evil. Aroused Christians can be a "saving" element in society today.

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ALL FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM

Francis E. Walter

Congressman from Pennsylvania

Washington, D.C.

Editor's Note: The accompanying address was delivered earlier in the year by Congressman Walter at Wyoming Monument Commemorative Exercises, held at Monument Grounds, located at Wyoming, Pennsylvania. Congressman Walter has made a name for himself around the world as a "Fighter For Freedom," particularly in his roll as Chairman of the Committee On Un-American Activities.

COME WITH ME as we walk back through the corridors of time a century and a half and more. We find ourselves right here in this beautiful valley which is the favorite gathering place of Indian tribes who come from miles around.

Here we see the six nations of the Iroquois in their tribal conferences, and here we see an area which the white man covets. Then we see the Indians, over the strong opposition of King Hedrick, greatest of the Mohawk chiefs, deeding this very land to the white man.

As we linger in this valley, the shot heard around the world pierces the quiet of this very air. The Revolutionary War begins. Practically all of the able-bodied men leave here to serve in Washington's army to fight for freedom from British rule.

The attraction of this valley does not go unheeded, for now we are in June of 1778, and we witness a combined force of Indians, British troops, and Tories under General Butler, who have set out from the village of Queen Esther, then the Iroquois monarch in New York. They have traveled by canoe down the Susquehanna.

By July first they have captured the northern half of the valley and have reached Mount Lookout, leaving behind them a trail of blood and death. Their progress through the valley is marked by methodical massacre of everyone who falls into their hands — men, women, and children.

We now behold them as they stand astride Mount Lookout, where they map their plans to pillage and sack the remaining villages.

In the valley, beside the women and children, there are only old men, boys too young to serve in Washington's

Army, and men of military age, too sick to serve.

Under the leadership of Colonels Zebulon Butler and Nathan Denison, they organize a force some three hundred strong. Though outnumbered three to one, they march out of Forty Fort on the morning of July 3, 1778, to meet an enemy they know they have no chance of defeating.

The British troops wait in their concealed positions until the Americans are within three hundred feet — and then open fire. The Indians attack and fold the left flank of the American force.

A Costly Battle

The battle itself lasts scarcely thirty minutes. The American ranks are decimated. The survivors surrender or try to flee.

The end of the battle, however, does not mean that the blood letting is to end. Instead, it marks the beginning of the Wyoming massacre which lasts until at least the following morning.

On the battlefield and around the Indian campfires that night, we see Americans who had surrendered honorably on the field of battle and other inhabitants of the valley who had been captured, being put to death by savage torture. Some have their bodies pierced by spears. Others are burned at the stake.

We grimace as we look toward Bloody Rock and see over a dozen Americans executed by Queen Esther herself. We shudder as the Indians hold them — one by one — singing the Indian death chant, while Queen Esther crushes their skulls with a huge maul.

Slowly you and I plod back again to the Twentieth Century, and we find ourselves today with certain questions which we must ask.

Why did this feeble band not flee as soon as word of the advancing enemy forces reached them? Did they not realize the futility of engaging in mortal combat an enemy that outnumbered

them; that was fresh from victory after victory; that was infinitely better equipped and trained?

My friends, the answer to these questions rings through the ages until today. It is this — that there are certain causes for which men are willing to give their lives.

"Give me liberty or give me death" — "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country." Where are these voices today?

Instead, we hear, "I would rather crawl on my knees to Moscow, than die under an atom bomb." Or — "It would be better to live under Communism than to risk death and destruction in a thermo-nuclear war."

If we could bring to this scene today those brave men and boys who were massacred here 182 years ago, I am confident they would utter these words:

"We would rather that our bodies be blown to bits by all the destructive physical force of the international Communist empire, than to succumb to Communism which destroys the soul and the mind, as well as the body."

The Congress Petitioned

Was the Battle of Wyoming — and the Wyoming Massacre — a needless waste of American lives? An 1837 petition to the Congress from the people of this valley made the following statement:

"The blood and tears shed at Wyoming were not shed in vain. Perhaps few incidents during the war provoked stronger sensations of horror and pity, throughout Europe, than the Wyoming Massacre. Perhaps few circumstances had so powerful a tendency to discredit, in public estimation, the arms and efforts of the enemy or had a stronger influence in arousing people of the whole civilized world in behalf of the American cause."

Yes, hundreds of people died in this valley on July 3, 1778. But they did not die in vain. Their blood, their sacrifice, not only strengthened the resolve of the American armies, but were vital factors in rallying world support to the cause of the colonies. In this sense, it was a defeat for the enemy. In death,

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The Hungarians begged the free world, in God's name, to help them. But the most powerful free nations on earth responded with nothing but pious words and phrases, and, since that time, have welcomed the "Butcher of Budapest" everywhere within their borders.

And so the people of Hungary were slaughtered by the tens of thousands. Many thousands more were shipped off to slave labor camps in Siberia — and Hungary today still lives under Communist tyranny.

Did the Hungarian Freedom Fighters die in vain? Like the Wyoming Valley Army, will they win a victory in defeat?

To paraphrase the petition of the people of this valley to Congress in 1837, few incidents "provoked stronger sensations of horror and pity" than the Hungarian Massacre and few circumstances "had so powerful a tendency to discredit ... the arms and efforts of the enemy or had a stronger influence in rousing the people of the whole civilized world" in behalf of the Hungarian and the whole anti-Communist cause.

Time Will Tell

May I again ask — did the Hungarian Freedom Fighters die in vain? The answer to that question will not be known until history records the last battle in the struggle between Communism and the forces of freedom.

In the ascendancy of the Communist conspiracy, it is reliably estimated that at least forty million human souls have been murdered. In Red China alone, the most conservative estimates are that twenty million human souls have been crushed by this human meat grinder.

It is almost impossible for us, as we stand in this peaceful valley, to comprehend just what these statistics impart. All the wars in history have not taken anything like this number of human lives. Let me give you at least a faint idea of what these statistics mean.

Let us suppose that when this ceremony is ended we were to embark on a tour that took us to every corner of our native state, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that, after we had covered every inch of its territory from north to south and east to west, we went into the neighboring state of New Jersey and

did the same thing there; then we traveled south to Delaware; west again through every mile of the state of Maryland; then into the District of Columbia, our Nation's capital; and finally all through the state of Virginia.

Let us suppose that on this tour we saw not a living soul, but that everywhere we went in each one of these six formerly populous states we saw nothing but corpses — thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions of them.

We would then have some idea of what, according to the most conservative estimates, the Communists have done to the people of China alone.

West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio would be added to the list if I were to use the higher estimates of the human slaughter committed by the Chinese Reds. It would be beyond our ability to imagine, even in a gruesome nightmare, each one of these millions of deaths taking place one by one — many of them as a result of fiendish torture.

This is an appalling picture painted by a monstrously inhuman regime — a regime which some people in this country and some of our allies say should be recognized by the United States and admitted to the United Nations as a "peace-loving" nation.

What Of America's Future?

Today, we hope that, with God's grace, nothing like what has happened in Russia, Hungary, in China, Tibet, and Eastern Europe will ever take place in this country. But we must not think that it cannot possibly take place here.

Our enemy is rapidly extending his power throughout the world. His agents are growing in strength in every nation that has so far been spared Red blood letting. To date, we have failed to stop him.

Today, he is not only entrenched ninety miles from our shores, but has thousands of agents within our borders. They are in our schools, our PTA's, our churches, civic groups, our entertainment media — in every phase of our national life — and are growing in strength.

This I know from incontrovertible evidence and testimony presented before the Committee on Un-American Activities. The enemy is working day and night to destroy our freedoms and our government, just as surely and with as deadly a purpose as that of the British, Indians, and Tories in the Revolution!

What can we do now to assure that it will not happen here?

My friends, the hour is late. We must

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begin today to do everything in our power to see that the enemy forces entrenched in our society are eliminated, beginning on the local community level and going on up through the highest levels of our political, economic, and social structure.

We must insist that our Government do everything in its power to destroy the international forces of Communism which threaten not only our lives and our freedom, but every advance wrought by thousands of years of human civilization in every part of the globe.

Today we know the enemy is at hand. He himself has told us so over and over again. And he has told us, too, just

what he intends to do with us. "We will bury you," he says.

Today, unlike our Wyoming Valley forebears, we have all the tools, the weapons, the strength, needed to defeat our foe. But we have refused — and are still refusing — to make full use of them.

We lack the will. We seem to lack the devotion to freedom that all men must have if they are to remain free.

The Enemy Within

The Great Wall of China was designed and built centuries ago to be impregnable. Its massive strength was tested

time and time again by direct physical assault. But three times within a single generation, enemy forces pierced this barrier — not by reason of physical strength, but by bribing the guards.

In this hour, we know that the military might of the free world is such that we can destroy in a matter of hours any aggregation which might unleash physical attack upon us. Like the walls of ancient China, our armed might appears to keep us invulnerable.

How about the guards? At this very moment, while I am speaking to you, hundreds of Communist and other subversives who at one time were denied security clearances to serve on merchant vessels, have now gained coast guard documentation to serve on the merchant vessels, which are vital conduits for our defense — all because of strained constructions by the courts which fail to recognize the conspiratorial nature of the Communist operation.

While I am speaking to you now, traitorous Americans, employees of the federal government who were dismissed as security risks, have since gained re-employment in the Government, because of still other decisions by the Courts which have all but destroyed our loyalty security program.

While I am speaking to you now, the tie-lines and lease-lines carrying security information out of the Pentagon itself, and the North Atlantic Cable, are serviced by the American Communications Association, which is controlled, lock, stock, and barrel, by the Communist Party.

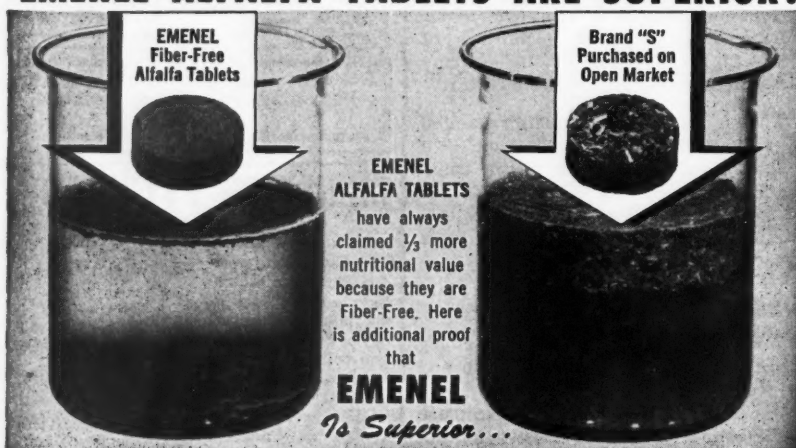
While I am speaking to you now, traitorous American citizens who are international Communist agents, are coming and going around the world with United States passports issued to them because of the breakdown in our passport control system.

Yes, my friends, our freedom is at this instant imperiled, not by lack of military might, but by lack of the spirit, vision, and courage which prompted our Wyoming Valley forebears to challenge with their all that force which threatened them.

These are things we must bring about today as we remember and honor the spirit and the deeds of the early settlers of this valley and the way many of them died. They have given you and me, each one of us, the most precious thing of life — freedom and honor.

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THE PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE of less than an upright man in the White House, its certain deleterious effects upon the Nation and the world, cannot possibly be exaggerated.

Care and caution are vital, and in seeking to ascertain God's choice for the Presidency we'll all do well to heed the Scriptural recommendation, "Behold the upright man . . . for the end of that man is peace." (Psalm 37:37)

It is assumed that either man, to have received enough support to head his ticket in a national election, would be qualified politically. But what about running a character reference?

Self-respecting business firms all over America regard this as standard procedure before employing anyone for responsible office. Dare the American people do less before hiring a man to serve four years as Chief Executive?

It is unfortunate that a Candidate's "religion" may be no criterion here. Much that parades under the guise of religion, even the Christian religion, bears no resemblance to the genuine article. It can be delusive rather than conclusive, and even dangerously misleading. But there is no mistaking what a man is.

His character can be pretty well decided by characteristics. For instance, what a man is can be largely determined by what he does not say. His tongue is a true revealer of his inner self. Extremely diagnostic! The first thing the family doctor usually says is, "Stick out your tongue." It tells him a lot.

An alleged incident in the presence of George Washington illustrates. Paving the way for an indecent story, someone asked, "Are any ladies present?" Replied our first President, "No, but there are gentlemen present."

It follows that one characteristic of a man of Presidential timber would be gentility, reflecting a clean vocabulary, and a reverent speech as well.

It is inconceivable that a Candidate, who would dare take the Name of God in vain, should deserve the support of people at the polls. How could such a person enjoy the guidance and blessing of God upon his administration when the Almighty has already pronounced judgment upon him. It is written, "I will not hold that man guiltless who taketh my Name in vain."

Profanity and the Presidency are mutually exclusive! By any and every known way of reckoning, they do *not* go together. Whatever his political recommendation, or seeming qualifications, a man's profane tongue betrays him for what he really is and disqualifies him completely.

A cursing man is under the curse of God, though he be Candidate for President. Not until he would repent and turn from his wicked ways, could he be made the instrument of blessing which God designs a President should be to the Nation and to the world.

A man of vile speech simply cannot be a man of pure heart and right motives. His leadership could only bring blight. "The future is with men of upright mind, saith the Lord." (Psalm 94:15)

A Man of Sobriety

The upright man is a man of sobriety. Candidates for the Presidency need not be super-men, but they must be sober men!

No intelligent person desires to place the reins of government in the hands

of an inebriate, or even a so-called "social drinker." Sooner would he trust the controls of the jet airliner, which carries him, in the hands of a "drinking man." On the helm of the Ship of State . . . never!

There is a verse in the Bible which certainly applies. "Liquor and lust deprive thee of thy wits." Now if there is something we can do without in this Nation, it is a wit-less President! Witless to even a small degree.

His responsibilities, especially in these times, call for a clear mind not dulled by alcohol. World enveloping decisions, often crowded by frequent trips to the "brink," cannot be trusted to an indulgent, cocktail-drinking Chief Executive.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." A wise President is indispensably necessary amid world hyper-tensions!

Something said or done by a President "under the influence" even to a minor degree, could trigger us into a needless world conflict, set the cause of Freedom back a generation as well as militate against God's high and noble plan to bless the world through a Christian America. Here is a climactic warning from the Book.

"Woe betide you, O land, when your King is a mere boy, and your Princes (leaders) revel in the morning. Well for you, O land, when your leaders are stalwards and not sots." Let's repeat . . . our President need not be a superman, but he must be a sober man!

The upright man is a man of poise! The next President dare not be a frantic man! Multiplying crises could easily stampede a little man into some provocative word or action with grave consequences.

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The upright man is a humble man! The Scriptures offer this guide to the voter. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness, boast himself as he that putteth it off." (1 Kings 20:11)

Humility is not one of his virtues who boasts what he intends to do, once elected, which will outshine the accomplishments of a predecessor who is putting off the executive harness.

Paraphrasing a bit, within limits, "What does the Lord require of thee (Mr. Candidate for the Presidency), but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:8)

The upright man is a man of vision ... world vision! "Upon the upright there ariseth light in the darkness." (Psalm 112:3) Any President worthy of the office will reflect light from above upon the dark international horizon. He will be aware of God's role for our Nation to share its spiritual knowledge and freedom with the rest of the world. This is a *must* factor.

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Let the successor to Mr. Eisenhower be a man of vision; humility; honor; poise; sobriety; gentility; in short, an upright man; let our Nation function under his leadership ... under God, and we will find ourselves exulting and confessing:

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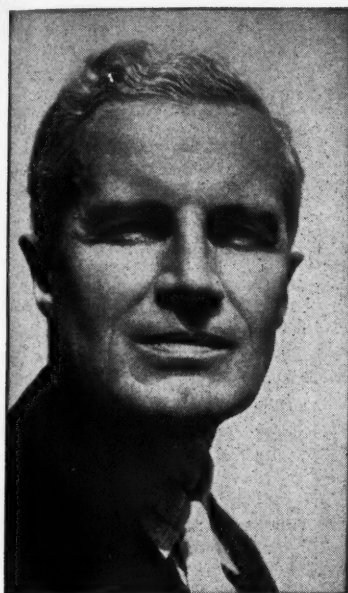
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By Victor B. Mason

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The Land Doctor Winrod Loved

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EARLY in 1931 we wrote Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, inviting him to visit the Island of Puerto Rico in the interest of missions. His gracious reply contained these words: "There is a response in my heart to your invitation."

Of course, he wanted to know more about this strategic territory of the United States, located in the heart of the West Indies.

Dr. Winrod learned that our Island came to the United States as a result of the Spanish-American war . . . that it was early settled by Spaniards from Santo Domingo (now the Dominican Republic), who murdered the native Indian race.

When he learned the full story of this country, he shared it with *Defender* readers. His interest was so great that he accepted our invitation, coming to the Island in the fall of the same year (1931).

During his stay among us, he visited cities, towns, and rural sections, preaching in the open air, in pulpits, by the roadside and over the radio. Crowds assembled everywhere he went, eagerly listening to his Spirit-filled messages.

It was in this way that the missionary vision of the Defenders of the Christian Faith was conceived. Puerto Rico was allowed the privilege of being the first missionary field.

Dr. Winrod made many contacts and left countless friends in this land. It was here that he had his first personal experience with missions outside the Continental United States and the experience thrilled him. Traveling around the Island he met people in all walks of life . . . lawyers, physicians, teachers, workers in the sugar cane plan-



Gerald B. Winrod, D.D. founder of the Defenders of the Christian Faith, Inc. November 11, 1960 marks the third anniversary of his passing.

tations. And they all responded readily to his gracious personality.

Talking with them, he acquainted himself with life among the Puerto Ricans. And everywhere he went, he took vast notes of important details, for use later in transmitting vital information to Defender missionary friends in America.

His knowledge of our country enabled him to write wonderful missionary letters about the need and opportunities

for the Gospel which brought a generous response, making it possible to establish the Defender missionary work here and, later on, elsewhere.

From his first visit in 1931, until his home going on November 11, 1957, Dr. Winrod's constant attitude toward Puerto Rico showed great love and concern. This does not mean that he did not care for other countries. We are sure that he loved all peoples and wanted to cover the entire world with Christ's message.

He frequently averred that the only thing Christ left on earth was a message and it was his burden to take it to every person who would listen. This explains his travels in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, Europe and the Holy Land and his radio sermons in the homeland. He was the Lord's messenger to his generation.

This is why he described the Defenders movement as a "world-wide testimony." The Defenders organization is a testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ in all the world, for "we preach Christ."

Dr. Winrod's love to humanity was evident. His interest in taking the Gospel to every soul was convincing. His sincerity won friends to his program. His co-workers volunteered eagerly.

I recall very well an occasion in 1932. He was speaking at a Bible Institute in the State of New York. A Mexican preacher who had not met our leader before, went with me to hear him.

I introduced them, and after a few minutes of conversation, the Mexican preacher was thrilled with Dr. Winrod's vision. At the time he was serving the Lord in another branch of the Vineyard. But the short conference

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with our founder put in his heart the wish of a closer fellowship, and he wanted to join the Defender ranks.

But, as Dr. Winrod explained ... "There is very little to join. The Defenders is a consciousness."

Last year I met this preacher again while traveling through Texas. He still recalls our visit with Dr. Winrod in 1932. He continues serving the Lord, for the Defender spirit is in him. His heart still feels a "passionate passion" for souls. He loves people, for his vision was changed in a simple, short conversation with Dr. Winrod twenty-eight years ago!

To our leader, the most interesting thing on earth was people. And they liked him. This reciprocity is logical.

A Missionary Experiment

"It is perfect!" These are the words of a missionary statesman who knows the Defenders program (we utilize the services of trained native leaders, and do not rely on "foreign" missionaries). He lived among us for years and admires the system because it is simple and practical. Dr. Winrod called it, very aptly, "a going concern."

All features of the Defender service in the missionary field are intended to minister to man in soul, spirit, and body.

Defender readers will recall Dr. Winrod's well-written letters, strongly appealing for used clothing, as well as for financial aid for the poor in needy lands. The American Defender constituency always honored his calls for help, and the fields were blessed. This faithfulness continues, for which we praise God.

Shipments were always sent promptly and workers distributed the merchandise among the needy. Many items were included in the boxes ... clothing for men, women and children, watches, eye glasses, vitamins, pencils, notebooks, shoes, literature for youth, toys, etc.

I remember his satisfaction when traveling in the interior, preaching in outstations. "This is real missionary work," he would remark as he recognized various pieces of wearing apparel sent from Wichita Headquarters which had been put to good use by natives attending the meetings.

To see the usefulness of the Defenders ministry in this feature of Christian service was a reward to him, and a great encouragement.

Chapel Witnessing

Dr. Winrod knew the uplifting power of the Gospel. For this reason he launched the Chapel project, recognizing

ing it to be a fruitful means of soul winning.

In all his visits to the missionary field he enjoyed preaching in various Chapels, and listened happily to the pastors, as well as various members of their congregations.

He always brought special offerings for all workers, gifts which had been entrusted to his care by Defender constituents. He discovered many opportunities to help financially workers who were in need, and could read the need in the face of a man or woman.

Many times he asked the driver to stop the car, that he might speak to a group by the roadside. He wanted to tell the old, old story of Jesus Christ to men and women in humble homes that we passed by.

To travel with him from place to place, interpreting his message, was like seeing days of heaven upon earth. Our people remember him ... and miss him!

Once he was touring this country in quest for souls. A Chapel man attended several of his meetings, following him from place to place. Dr. Winrod discovered that this worker needed new shoes and a new suit. He took this worker to a store for men and purchased new clothing for him. Then he gave him additional funds for use in his Chapel work. This is only one case of many which illustrates his Christian love. There were many such in his trips. What a wonderful, compassionate person!

International Program

Many persons, urged by God to win souls, wanted to contact Dr. Winrod. This was true in the case of the Indian Thomas Ortega, the African Paul Revere and dozens of others. Seeing respect for his organization in all parts of the world was refreshing to our leader.

Dr. Winrod's call was truly international. He understood there were natural differences between countries and peoples ... differences which do not consist of language alone. There are contrasts in foods, customs and the general approach to life as well.

Such souls crave for God to dwell in all men. "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:26-28)

Yes, God created and loves men of all

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HOW BIG IS GOD?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord God, He Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty — the Ruler of all." (Revelation 1:8, Amplified translation)

THE HUMAN MIND cannot fully comprehend the true bigness of God. We strive to weave various adjectives together in an effort to describe the many facets of His personality, but they are only inadequate attempts.

In a very ancient volume called the "Book of Jubilees," there is a legend about a conversation held by Abraham with a king. "Let us worship fire," said the ruler, but Abraham replied, "Rather, let us worship the water that quenches the fire."

"All right, let us worship the water." To which the Patriarch countered, "Why not instead worship the cloud that carries the water." The king readily agreed to this proposal.

Abraham then suggested, "Then why not worship the wind that scatters the cloud." Once again the monarch agreed this was sound reasoning. But the citizen of Ur was not content to stop here.

"Let us worship man, for he endures the wind." By this time the old king was growing weary, but he agreed that it would perhaps be the part of wisdom to deify man."

Finally Abraham completed his argument by stating, "We should worship God, who made fire and water and cloud and wind and man."

But just What and Who is God? How Big is He? The Thracian emblem of God was a sun with three beams . . . one shining upon a sea of ice and thawing it; another upon a rock and melting it; and the third upon a dead man and putting life into him.

Since the dawn of Creation this question has reverberated through space and bounced from planet to planet only to return to earth — the answer awaiting eternity's dawning.

From majestic peaks rising out of fertile valleys, shrouded in cloudy mists, the sight of endless oceans and galaxies of stars — even to graceful wild life and fragile flowers — in each there is found some stirring measure of fulfillment to this age old question.

The Giver Of All Life

There was once a famous professor who was giving a lecture to a group of children about plants and flowers. He explained how the seeds became plants, how the plants became leaves and flowers, how the flowers developed seeds again.

Then he went on to tell how all the different parts of a plant were built up of tiny cells, and how all these cells were filled with a wonderful substance called protoplasm, a substance which is contained in all living bodies and makes them live and grow.

Finally he said that no one knew what gave to protoplasm its power of living and growing. That was a closed door,

and behind the door was unfathomable mystery.

At this point, one of the children held up a hand in obvious excitement. As the professor recognized the act, the boy burst out to say, "Professor, I know who lives behind that door. God."

In seeking to answer the question, "How big is God," we must take into account the true picture of His greatness as painted by Gospel music. It weaves the fine fabric of imagination into deep, vivid tapestries that reach the areas of truth beyond our vision.

Man's marble monuments to immortality fall short of the sky and all other of his achievements fail to satisfy, but God-inspired music reaches beyond "the reef of space" and causes the heart to see Truth.

This Truth has been marred only by hatred — man against man, nation against nation. Today, as in times past, the tides of hatred appear insurmountable. Yet, remember, all the mighty armies of yesterday are gone forever and their suffering with them.

Only one thing has outlasted hatred — the love of God. This then is His greatness! Our eyes tell us of His awesome creation, but in our hearts we who know Him as Friend and Saviour can sing, "How Big Is God? He's big enough to rule the mighty universe, yet small enough to live within my heart."

The Birth Of An Album

A few months ago a young man by the name of Greg Loren was reclining in a comfortable seat, gazing steadily out the window of a silver jet as it streaked across the frozen Canadian Rockies. He was enroute home after a successful Gospel tour of the United States and Canada.

As the rugged beauty of the Rockies fixed his gaze, a verse of Psalms flashed through his mind. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God!" (Psalm 90:2)



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As he looked beyond the mountains to the distant horizon, he began to ask himself, "How big is God? How big and wide is His vast domain." As his mind pondered on these things, a thrilling inspiration came, and a new album was born.

Greg Loren chafed at the sudden seeming slowness of the jet plane which was rushing him back to his home in California. He was eager to arrive so work could commence on the recording of songs to do with God's greatness.

This was the perfect time, he felt, for such an album ... in a day when the push of a button could turn the world to ashes. As he thought on, the words of the famous hymn writer and singer Stuart Hamblen, came to mind:

"Though man may strive to go beyond the reef of space, to crawl beyond the distant glimmering stars. This world's a room so small within my Master's house — the open sky but a portion of His yard."

Soon the plane reached the California coast, skimmed over the shimmering Pacific Ocean beaches and landed at Los Angeles International Airport.

In a few weeks, plans for the album were underway. Ralph Carmichael, one of America's finest arranger-conductors, began work on the orchestrations. The latest in recording studios were secured, as were the services of fifty of the world's leading musicians.

Finally the night came — excitement was high. The creation of a new album is always a special event. The musicians came to attention as Mr. Carmichael stepped to the podium.

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Two weeks later, 12-thousand feet atop the rugged Rockies near Aspen, Colorado, where Mr. Loren grew up, this month's *Defender* cover photograph was taken to complete this album that will reach across the world and inspire many hearts. (See page 4 for a description of the album, including a listing of the selections).

Greg Loren

Although Greg Loren has been thrilling large audiences across the nation with his exceptional tenor voice, it was actually as a star athlete that he first made a name for himself during his student days in Colorado:

Born in Denver, he spent most of his early life in Steamboat Springs where his father operated a swimming pool during the summer and a ski hill in the winter.

At the tender age of three he had overcome all fear of water and became a natural swimmer. But his bent for sports did not cease here. He immediately took up skiing! As the years progressed, he won numerous contests in both sports, taught swimming, was a life guard, a mountain guide, and com-

peted in high school and college football.

As a champion ski racer Greg has experienced the thrill of skiing at a speed of over one hundred miles per hour and jumping more than three hundred feet through the air.

Even while competing in athletic events Greg found time to study music, and won top honors in major high school music festivals. In his early twenties he competed in a four-state vocal contest sponsored by a Denver radio station. As the winner, he received a trip to Hollywood, where he immediately was made numerous offers for appearances on radio, television and in motion pictures.

While under contract to a major studio, he appeared in several films. Then came a contract to appear on nationwide TV, followed by appearances on several other major programs. This led to night club engagements throughout the country.

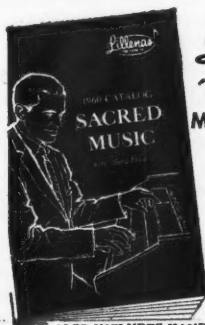
It was in Las Vegas and Hollywood that he reached the pinnacle of success and popularity in show business. A famed columnist, writing of him, said: "He has a gorgeous voice, a great talent; the world will hear from this young man."

God Steps In

Her prediction is coming true, but not quite in the manner in which she anticipated. Greg Loren made the greatest decision of his life when at a Bible Conference in California he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Since that eventful day his chief ambition has been to reach audiences with his songs of faith.

How Big is God? He's big enough to rule the mighty universe, yet small enough to live within the heart of Greg Loren ... as well as dwell in the hearts of you and me.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [shall eat] with Me." (Revelation 3:20, Amplified translation)



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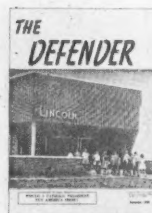
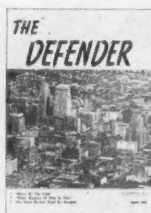
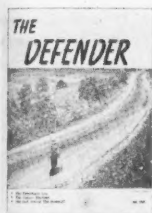
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A WORLD GONE MAD!

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WHAT IS IT that leads men to say "We are witnessing the suicide of a social order, and our descendants will marvel at our madness?" What has happened in our world that would make national figures to say "We know an age is dying."

Many who read these lines will remember that they too have often asked, "What is wrong with the world?" What does it all mean? Are we actually witnessing the breakdown of human intelligence? Are we, after all, a race of finite creatures struggling with problems far too big for us to solve?

It must be admitted that we are living in a world of contradictions and inconsistencies. We have seen a nation starving in the midst of plenty! We have seen millions out of work, hungry, and poorly clad . . . while others were plowing under surplus cotton and destroying surplus wheat.

The inconsistencies of the religious world also puzzle the average man. He hears much talk of lost souls, but sees very little being done to save them. He listens to men preach peace, and watches in utter disgust, the turmoil and strife within the ranks of professing Christians. He doesn't understand how men can profess to study God's Word and then fail to do God's work.

Volumes could be written showing the

record of crime and corruption in the world today. More and more we are being influenced by subtle propaganda, which is molding the minds of men in rebellion against certain races and classes.

The survey of world affairs is sickening. There seems to be some unseen force driving men deeper and deeper into fury and rage against each other. There is no natural explanation for the tragic condition of the world today.

No logical reason can be given why the nations that pray for peace plan war. To understand why the nations are hating each other, and why mankind in general is committing such insane acts — we must go back to the very beginning . . . back to Adam in the Garden (Genesis three).

When Adam sinned, his entire moral nature collapsed. His spiritual life was severed from God. His physical body began to die. From that day until this, the history of the human race has been tragic.

Nations have endured one convulsion of hate after another. Man has made a miserable failure. Everything he has touched has gone to ruin. He sowed to the flesh, and he is reaping corruption (Galatians six). He was placed in a garden and it became a graveyard.

His world has become a morgue for

the dead. Every civilization he has built has crumbled to pieces. His earth has become a habitation of lost souls. He lives in a world under judgment.

The world will never find its way out of the present darkness, for the leaders are blinded spiritually. Man is unable to produce a better race for he is out of adjustment physically. He is unable to reason his way toward a solution of his problems, for he is sick mentally.

The first chapter of Romans shows clearly man's true condition. There we find the actual tragic state of the unregenerate soul, mind, and body. In Romans 1:24 we read that God gave man up to the lusts of his sinful heart.

Man is totally void of any Divine or spiritual life until he is born again.

As man continued in his sinful spiritual depravity, God allowed him to follow the desire of his sinful flesh. Finally, in Romans 1:28 we read that God turned the human race over to follow the leadings of the reprobate mind of man.

This indictment of the unsaved, unregenerate man shows that the people who are leading the world and controlling the actions of millions of human beings are men who are spiritually dead, and are following the desires of a wrecked, warped and twisted mind.

Now, after six thousand years or more of sin, years of trouble and years of living in darkness and hardships and trials, the outer veneer of man's real self has been torn off, and the world is beginning to see the true condition of the human heart, but it is quite different from what it seemed to be.

Men today, "professing themselves to be wise, have become fools . . ." spiritual idiots, void of all reason, insane infidels, gone mad — for they know the judgments of God, they have heard of the way of salvation, they have heard the truth, yet even though they know the results of turning from God and breaking His laws, "they not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." (Romans 1:32)

The hope of the human race lies in the personal, bodily return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is the only One who can speak peace to a war-torn, weary, sin-sick world.

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"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escape not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

"And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

"For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:25-29)

HERE IS A STRANGE statement from God that the time is coming when He will "shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

We have looked up and imagined that all above was safe, but God boldly declares that the hour is approaching when the heavens are to be shaken, as well as the earth. As we look around it seems as though nearly everything is being shaken, yea, even our confidence in those things which we used to think could not fail.

There are things which cannot be shaken, though men have tried. We thank God for the stability of His Word. While Satan has turned his strongest guns against it in an effort to discredit every part of it, like Gibraltar, it remains unshaken.

Every missile fired at the sacred Scrip-

tures has fallen without so much as denting its surface, nor has any brought discredit to the message.

The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ remains unshaken. The alarming denials of the virgin birth spreading in evangelical circles are Satan's attempt to shake confidence in the unique and essential diety of the Lord Jesus.

"And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

"They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

"And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." (Hebrews 1:10-12)

The physical resurrection of our Lord cannot be touched, though the devil has tried every ingenuity in his attempt to show that Christ's body never came forth.

Multitudes of men standing behind the pulpit make bold to assert that resurrection is not physical, that it is unreasonable to suppose that Jesus came out of the tomb and experienced a physical resurrection. Nevertheless, the truth stands unshaken and the tomb is empty.

Thank God for those blessed things which remain. They are the unshaken things, the enduring things upon which we rest for time and eternity.

As we consider this theme, let us face it

Historically

Time and again the Bible makes reference to earthquakes and their effect.

These have come sometimes as a demonstration of the power of God, or as a judgment from Him. Sometimes they are spoken of as earthquakes and sometimes as a "trembling of God."

The giving of the Ten Commandments was a most significant event. When God gave them to His servant Moses, there were symbols of His holiness followed by the manifestation of His power as the Mount shook mightily. We read:

"And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.

"And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

"And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly." (Exodus 19:16-18)

Later on in the history of the Jewish nation during the time of the wilderness wanderings there was a rebellion incited by Korah. It was a serious affair, for the authority of Moses was challenged. Others were involved, but God meted out justice with amazing swiftness, so that we read:

"But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord.

"And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

"And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

"They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation." (Numbers 16:30-33)

I might go on to call attention to many other earthquakes mentioned in the Old Testament, but there is one in particular that must have been one of the severest in history, for it is mentioned twice, once by Amos and then by Zechariah.

"The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jero-boam the son of Joash king of Israel,

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two years before the earthquake."
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"And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."
(Zechariah 14:5)

The prophetic aspect of this passage we shall leave until later, but the historic comes into view and in its magnitude becomes a type of a future "trembling of the earth."

There are three or four very interesting historical references in this regard in the New Testament.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent." (Matthew 27:51)

This passage records the first things that took place after Jesus had died upon the cross. In fact if we couple the next passage with this, we see how four things were rent: the veil of the temple, the earth, the rocks and the graves.

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose." (Matthew 27:52)

As there was an earthquake in connection with His death, even so there was an earthquake in connection with His resurrection.

"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

"And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." (Matthew 28:1-2)

Matthew's account of the resurrection of our Lord is the briefest of the four Gospels, and no mention is made at all of the ascension. However, he takes time to mention this mighty earthquake, which stands connected with the power that raises the dead to life.

All the people must have known as the earth trembled so mightily, both when Jesus died and when He rose again, that great things were happening, things far beyond the ordinary. God was involved in these events.

When we come to the book of Acts, it is to read about an earthquake that occurred immediately following a prayer meeting, evidencing the supernatural in prayer.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all

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filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

It is not necessary these days that physical earthquakes shall accompany praying, but we are confident there is a mighty shaking of the enemy when God's people pray as did these first century saints.

Again we read of another such physical manifestation in connection with a prayer meeting.

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

"And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." (Acts 16:25-26)

Surely this was a "trembling of God," for only those things happened that God desired to have happen. Apart from the fact that God's hand was in this quake, there is no explanation for it.

Using it to serve His own divine purpose, He provided a glorious deliverance for His servants in answer to their prayer.

Many other references might be given, but these no doubt will suffice to show that the Word of God recognizes the physical phenomenon of earthquakes and God's hand in them and His use of them when they suit His objectives.

Looking at this subject from yet another viewpoint, let us think of earthquakes

Naturally

By this I mean that the earth may quake of itself without God's hand being in the quake, so far as can be determined.

Through the years science has advanced many theories concerning the cause of earthquakes, and there have been many conflicts in the minds of men about them.

There are earthquakes in which the hand of God does not seem to appear. Great natural calamities may not have behind them an act of God in judgment, though there is a tendency to think so.

There is a hint of this in a statement made by Jesus.

"Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:4-5)

Then we read further, "For we know

that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." (Romans 8:22)

When earthquakes come, they surely are an evidence of the curse of God upon the earth. This curse will continue until Jesus comes and removes it.

We do not believe there will be earthquakes in the millennium nor any other physical disturbance that will bring harm to mankind. We can rejoice in the "blessed hope" which will mean creation's deliverance as well as our own.

Let us further consider our subject

Supernaturally

We may ask ourselves the question — is God ever in the earthquake? If He is, when? Is God locked up in His universe because we have advanced the theory that all of creation is controlled by law? Can God deviate from a set course? Can He intervene and do with nature as He so desires?

The Bible is full of illustrations to the effect that God has reversed the so-called laws of nature. This He did when He translated Enoch without seeing death.

At His word the waters of the Red Sea parted and formed two mighty walls between which the children of Israel passed as they fled from Egypt. We can recall how God responded to the command of Joshua, and a day was lengthened by the sun standing still.

The New Testament reminds us of how the Lord Jesus turned water into wine. The method of working this miracle is not revealed, but it is apparent that the Saviour knew how to speed the laws of nature and to introduce such elements as were needed to make it the best of all wine.

So we might mention the feeding of the five thousand men, plus women and children, with a few loaves and fishes which multiplied in the hand of the Lord Jesus.

The One who made all things is the One who sustains all things and who knows how to change all things. With these wonderful facts before us, let us remember the words of the Psalmist:

"He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth ..." (Psalm 104:32). Here is a "trembling of God" revealing His hand in nature.

I want to call your attention to earthquakes

Satanically

To what extent are the forces of nature subject to Satanic control? We realize that Satan is a great personality,

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and though he is not almighty, yet he does have mighty power, even as the Bible indicates.

He is not to be regarded as a figment of the dark ages, nor a fictitious character conceived to scare emotional people. That he is no weakling can be understood by the fact that he is called, "the prince of the power of the air." Nothing short of the "whole armor of God" is sufficient to ward off his attacks.

Many times Satan has used the forces of nature to accomplish his ends. In the opening chapter of Job we see how he used the lightning and the wind in his effort to break down Job's trust in God.

We read of the woman, "... whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years ..." (Luke 13:16)

It is not beyond our understanding if this enemy of our Lord Jesus Christ should use the earthquake in the accomplishment of his purposes when it suits his desire.

While we are considering earthquakes from various angles, let us also think of them

Prophetically

There is a difference between the earth quaking of itself and a trembling sent by God. We recognize that there are well-defined periods of judgments in God's Word, times when God actually visits the earth in His wrath.

This will especially be true in a period of time known in the Word as the Great Tribulation. Many and great are the earthquakes definitely prophesied for this forthcoming age of time.

The present earthquakes recorded here and there around the world do not have anything to do with prophecy. They cannot, so long as the true church is in the world. Not until the church has been taken out will the day of God's wrath break upon the world.

The church is not appointed to wrath and therefore will not pass into that age marked especially by the manifestations of divine wrath, one form of which will be the shaking of the earth.

Both Old and New Testaments predict the world's greatest quakes, the final one being so great and wide-sweeping that everything will topple because of it. The prophet Isaiah predicts an earthquake for the future day, the terror of which defies description:

"... the foundations of the earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,

and shall be removed like a cottage ..." (Isaiah 24:18-20)

The language of the New Testament is likewise strong. The climactic statement of the many prophetic utterances about this phenomenon and the one which summarizes them all is:

"And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." (Revelation 16:18)

This is in line with what our Saviour said as He was dealing with future times:

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." (Matthew 24:7)

The dispensation of time following the age of grace will be characterized by mighty convulsions of nature, all of which will be manifestations of the wrath of God and of the Lamb. No soft days are ahead for a rebellious and sinful world.

In conclusion, let us think of this theme

Applicationally

In the consideration of this subject is there any practical lesson for us? I believe there is. Coming events cast their shadows before them, and the conditions which will obtain in the Great Tribulation ages are beginning to manifest themselves even in the closing days of this age of God's grace.

Within the last quarter of a century the world has experienced its worst war, its worst revolutions, its worst pestilences, its worst famines, its worst earthquakes and its most radical changes.

All of these conditions will come to their greatest climax during the coming age, and not the least among them will be these earthly tremblings, many of which are being felt in various parts of the world even now.

Are we not reminded of the nearness of our Lord's coming when He shall appear to claim His own unto Himself?

May God help us as never before to realize how close we are to the hour when we shall hear the voice of the archangel and the trump of God.

Let us pray that God will send a sort of spiritual earthquake to awaken every child of His to the importance of standing firm in a day when things are being shaken and we see them crumbling on every side.

May He help us to realize that we need to stand with unshaken faith on those things which cannot be moved.

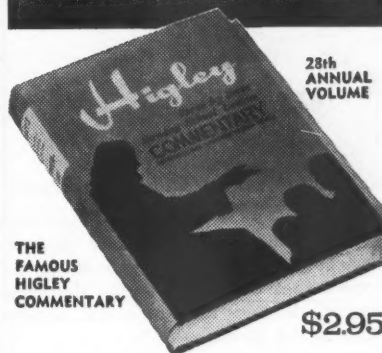
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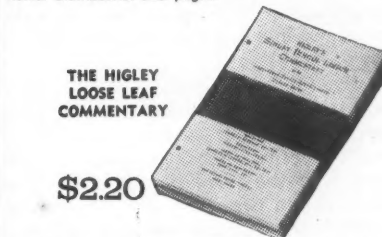
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COMMUNISM'S WAR ON RELIGION

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HOW DOES COMMUNISM express its antagonism to religion? It must be kept in mind that Communists do not believe that they must act in the same way at all times and under all circumstances. As Lenin said:

"It is necessary to combine the strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism with the ability to make all necessary practical compromises, to 'tack', to make arrangements, zig-zags, retreats and so on ..."

"... the revolutionary class, in other words in order to fulfill its task, must be able to master all forms or sides of social activity without exception ... second, that the revolutionary class must be ready to pass from one form to another in the quickest and most unexpected manner."

"... revolutionaries who are unable to combine illegal forms of struggle with every form of legal struggle are very bad revolutionaries." ("Left-wing" Communism: An Infantile Disorder, New York: International Publishers, 1940, pages 74, 77).

In August, 1935, Georgi Dimitroff put it this way: "We are enemies of all cut-and-dried schemes. We want to take into account the concrete situation at each moment, in each place, and not act according to a fixed, stereotyped form anywhere and everywhere; not to forget that in varying circumstances the position of the Communists cannot be identical." (The United Front, page 91)

What, then, are some of the ways in

which Communism has expressed its opposition to religion?

Anti-religious propaganda is carried on by Communists, both before and after they come to power. In 1905 Lenin wrote: "Our propaganda necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism." (Socialism and Religion. Moscow: Foreign Languages Publishing House, 1955, page 10).

Some were accepted into the Party while they retained fragments of their old religious beliefs, but the Party's educational program was such that it tried to destroy these vestiges of religious faith.

Stalin stressed the necessity for anti-religious propaganda and said that there was no room in the Party for any "Communists" who would oppose its program of anti-religious propaganda. (Leninism, Volume I, page 387).

When the Communists control a country, atheistic materialism is taught in the schools, by radio, by newspapers and by other publications.

Annihilation

Physical persecution is also utilized by the Communists in their drive against religion. In Russia after the revolution thousands of clergymen were killed, or imprisoned, or exiled to Siberia.

In North Korea in some areas sixty to eighty per cent of the religious leaders were killed. In Red China public "trials" and executions were used as a means of "educating the masses."

Dr. Thomas Dooley recorded a number of cases of religious persecution of people in North Viet-nam in 1954-55. (Deliver Us From Evil. New York: Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, Inc., 1956).

The Communists, however, do not imprison, persecute or kill a person with the public charge that he is a religious leader. Instead, their public accusations contain charges of political disloyalty. Thus they endeavor to deceive people and to deny that they persecute on the grounds that the person is religious.

When the Communists take over a country, they harass religious organizations in various ways. Lands, institutions, education and social service are nationalized.

The churches are often not allowed to carry on benevolent work. Church activities are restricted to worship services inside the church building. Spies invade religious organizations. Communists infiltrate the clergy. An effort is made to turn the people against religious leaders who will not "cooperate" with the Communists.

Ties that the churches may have with religious bodies in other lands are severed until the Communists have infiltrated the churches to such an extent that they have a group of religious leaders who will do the will of the Communist government.

Communists in countries of the free world try to use religious people for the accomplishment of some particular objective which the Communists have in mind.

In America, for example, especially between 1928 and 1935, the Communists were able to get some religious people to enter into what the Communists called the "United Front." At the present the Communists are trying to revive the "United Front" tactic. (Dmitry Monin, "Time To Act In Common," News: A Soviet Review of World Events, May 1956, pages 12-14).

Communist Front Organizations

Communists have deceived and used religious people in Communist front organizations. These are organizations



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which, on the surface, seem to have no connection with Communists but which have either been established by or infiltrated by hidden Communists or fellow travelers.

This was the Trojan Horse tactic which was launched by Georgi Dimitroff in August 1935. (The United Front. New York: International Publishers, 1938, pages 52-53).

By means of Communist front organizations the Communists endeavored to realize several objectives:

(1) To raise money, (2) Spread some point of Communist propaganda, (3) Form contact with some individuals who later were led into the Party, (4) Provide jobs and experience for some Party members, (5) Create divisions within a country, and (6) Create a psychological atmosphere which was unfavorable to the militant anti-communists.

Communists have also endeavored to infiltrate religious organizations within the free world. Stalin seems to have been the one who conceived the idea of invading what the Communists regard as the ideological fortress of their enemies. This was not only done in Russia after the Communists took over, but it has also been accomplished in some countries of the free world.

In 1935 Earl Browder, then National Chairman of the Communist Party in America, said: "You may be interested in knowing that we have preachers, preachers active in churches, who are members of the Communist Party." (Communism in the United States. New York: International Publishers, 1935, page 335).

Reinhold Niebuhr, a non-communist theologian, said that there are a few Communists in the Churches in America. ("Communism and the Clergy." The Christian Century, August 19, 1953, pages 936-937. See also J. Edgar Hoover, "The Communists Are After Our Minds," The American Magazine, October, 1954).

Duped Preachers

What do the Communists hope to accomplish with such infiltration? First, to use the names of religious leaders to give prestige to Communist front organizations. Second, to circulate the idea that non-collectivistic systems are immoral. Third, to give their opposition to anti-communists the influence of their religious office.

After the Communists take over a country, they infiltrate the religious organizations to the extent that they finally use them as tools of their domestic and foreign policies. This is well illustrated in Red Russia by speeches delivered at a "religious" conference, May 9-12,

1952. These pro-communist speeches attacked the free world. (Conference in Defense of Peace of All Churches and Religious Associations in the U.S.S.R. Moscow: published by the Moscow Patriarchate).

The Communists believe that the final destruction of religion will come within the change of social systems. All social systems which are not socialistic or communistic, and under the control of the Communists, are viewed as irrational.

Thus religion as an irrational world view, according to them, is reflected in the minds of the people. Change the social system and you cut the roots of religion. As Marx put it:

"The religious world which is but the reflex of the real world can, in any case, only then finally vanish, when the practical relations of everyday life offer to man none but perfectly intelligible and reasonable relations with regard to his fellowmen and nature." (Capital, Volume I, pages 91-92).

The Communists claim to have already built Socialism in Russia, and that they are now building Communism. (Nikita S. Khrushchev, Report of the Central Committee, CPSU to the Twentieth Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. New York: New Century Publishers, 1956, page 97).

And yet, they admit that among the young people in Russia who have been brought up on Marxism one finds some who have faith in religion. To explain this, they say that the ideological consciousness of the people lags behind the social and economic development.

How can this be if man's mind but reflects the social system, as Marx maintained? How could their consciousness reflect a social system which has ceased to exist and which these young people never experienced? Can it be because of capitalistic encirclement?

How can the Russian mind reflect a capitalistic society which they do not see or experience, and about which they hear only the distortions of Communist propaganda?

As a matter of fact, man by his very nature has religious aspirations and a change of social system does not bring about a removal of man's religious aspirations. Men will be searching after God long after the Communist philosophy of life has vanished from the earth.

This brief presentation of the antagonism of Communism to religion and of the various ways in which it expresses this antagonism, can be easily verified by anyone who will take the time to read the literature on the subject which has been published by Communists and to study their history.



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Dear Defender Counselor:

What is the doctrine of the Priesthood, as taught by the Mormon Church? Is there Scriptural authority for it? Do we have to go through a priest in order to contact God?

H.E.H. —Utah

Dear Friend:

In the six branches of Mormonism, organization and government differ somewhat in details, but agree in essentials of the doctrine. It is a complex hierarchy which has immediate contact and control over all members, and they in turn are deeply loyal to it.

There are two priesthoods, the higher of which is said to have descended from Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:1-3). It has the authority over all offices of the Church, which include the Apostles, Bishops, Elders, High Priests, Patriarches and the Seventies.

The lesser priesthood is through Aaron and controls temporal affairs through deacons, priests and teachers. There is also a First Presidency, comprised of two Counselors, three high priests and the President. Through the latter come the laws for the church by direct revelation.

Besides these is the Council of the Twelve Apostles, which is chosen by the First Presidency, to ordain the ministry and supervise all the work of the Church.

All this (they claim) has come by direct revelation from God. According to our Scriptures, every Christian is a priest and has the privilege of contacting God direct through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest in heaven. Hebrews, chapter seven, makes this clear. Read also John 4:23-24, and I Peter 2:9.

Dear Defender Counselor:

After many years of happy married life, during which he attended church with me, my husband suddenly began drinking. We have prospered financial-

ly and he once seemed to idolize me and our teen-age son. Now he finds no satisfaction in his family, refuses to attend church, and associates only with a younger brother who also drinks. What has happened to this man? What can I do? What shall I do?

A.L. —Connecticut

Dear Friend:

What has happened to this man? It could have been the influence of bad companions who chained him to drink until he is now in bondage to a habit which has changed his personality.

Or possibly something in some church member he had respected has shocked him into bitterness and hostility to the church and church people in general. Church attendance is a good thing, but without the regenerative power of the New Birth, it stops short of being good enough.

In any case, this is another entry in the foul and ancient record-book of Demon Alcohol!

"What can I do? What shall I do?"

The first thing is to search your own heart for a possible cause in yourself. Then you can place the entire situation in the hands of the Heavenly Father and implicitly trust Him to help you work it out, as He promised in Psalm 55:22.

Next, you can pray for both men as you have never prayed before, for their salvation through Christ. Enlist your son and Christian friends to pray with you.

If your son is not saved, pray for him and lead him to accept Christ, for he needs your spiritual support and that which comes through yielding to Christ. Remember that God "turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends." Study Matthew 18:19-20 and Psalm 37:1-8, memorizing verses 4,5,7,8.

Do not scold these men, but demonstrate your Christian character in every word and act. It will require that most difficult of Christian virtues, patience,

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but the great "love chapter" of the Bible assures us that "love never faileth ... love suffereth long and is kind ... beareth all things ... endureth all things."

The beauty of your spirit, the light of your loyalty and devotion, shining through the dark night of your grief and frustration, will be a sermon without words. Who knows that it will not shine into their hearts and with its warmth melt the ice of sin away?

Should you find, as time goes on, that reconciliation is completely impossible, study long and prayerfully I Corinthians 7:13-16 before making a final decision. This is the Scripture's final reply for such conditions.

Dear Defender Counselor:

May I impose on your good nature by asking not one, but three questions? First, Of whom or what does Christ speak in Matthew 7:6? Second, To what class does He refer in Matthew 7:21-23? And third, Why was the Gospel never preached in Africa, Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, India and China?

J.C.S. —Texas

Dear Friend:

First, the whole of Matthew Six and Seven concerns the practice of righteousness in the Kingdom. We are to have a generous attitude toward other people, but not to the extent that we allow them to profane holy things. This is illustrated by Paul's reaction to Elymas the Sorcerer in Acts 13:6-11. The man was so evil he could not understand holy things. It was useless to argue with him, for his "foolish heart was darkened."

Second, those who depend upon good works without possession of the Holy Spirit are described in Matthew 7:21-23. Merely living a good, kindly, moral life does not save. The centurion in Acts 10 had to receive the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

There are still many who sincerely believe that their good works will save them. So they say, "Lord, have we not done many wonderful works in thy name? Don't you remember that great hospital we helped to build? How much we did for the poor children in the Christmas drive? Just think of all the money we put in that beautiful church building on Main Street! You know how it strengthened our denomination in the community! And how we worked for the organization of all the churches into one great body?"

Still the Lord can see nothing of the power of the Holy Spirit in their hearts, and that is the only way by which He can recognize His own. He says so in

John 3:5, Ephesians 1:12-14, II Corinthians 1:20-22, and II Timothy 2:19.

Third, we suppose you mean strictly in Biblical records. Well, it was! In Acts 2:8-11 on the great Day of Pentecost, fifteen nations are listed as having representatives present to hear the first Gospel sermon.

Egypt and Libya in northern Africa; Parthia, Media, Elam, and Mesopotamia were then parts of Assyria and Chaldea; Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, in what is now Turkey; and people from Rome, Crete, Arabia and Judaea. Of course, they took it home with them!

While secular and Biblical history do not record the missionary work of the Apostles, we do have the sure record of the Bible in the words of Paul in Colossians 1:6,23, who said that "the word of truth of the gospel; which has come to you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit as it does in you also ... the hope of the gospel which was preached to every creature under heaven."

Dear Defender Counselor:

What can I do to try to forget a boy I have thought a great deal of for the past two years, but who does not seem much interested in me? I am sixteen and he is eighteen. Should I try to recapture his interest, or what?

B.H. —Indiana

Dear Friend:

You are in the midst of the lovely, impressionable teens, and what you do in them largely determines what the future holds for you. This boy probably recognizes that and does not wish to become involved until he is prepared to marry and support a family.

I hope you are a Christian, so you can place this problem in the hands of the Lord and trust Him to supply the answer. You can be sure His solution will be the best for you, for He has promised that all things work together for good to them who love Him.

In the meantime, instead of pining for one who has so plainly indicated a lack of interest in you, forget him and yourself by trying to be a friend to everyone ... boys, girls, and older people.

Even go out of your way to do or say something kind and helpful to someone every day. And have dates, too, but keep them on the friendly basis, at least until you are through high school.

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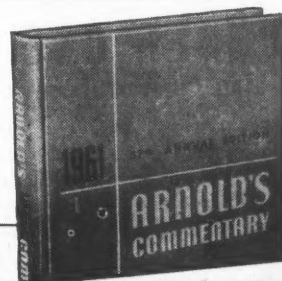
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WRITING IN THE *Los Angeles Times*, Howard Whitman has some words of warning and of wisdom which should have been uttered long ago in our country. He is writing of the tragedy and moral bankruptcy of the divorce invasion of the American home.

We have come to the hour when all of us, without exception, are affected by this social malady. Directly or indirectly, by our own faults or the mistakes of others, every American family, sooner or later, feels the bitter sting of this universal evil.

Innocent children are the most tragic victims. And in return, broken homes furnish the large majority of criminals that now threaten the solvency of our nation. Mr. Whitman says:

"If we have come to accept marriage as a temporary arrangement, why don't we say so? Why don't we change the vow? Make it read . . . to love and to cherish for the time being, or to live together until we get tired of each other, or to sue each other, to accuse each other, to abandon each other if the going gets rough.

"We don't change the vow because, in our hearts, we still believe in the ideal which those ancient lines set forth. An aspiration toward a permanent love relationship between male and female is something which is built into us."

Back of this tidal wave of divorce is the breaking down of private or individual morals. Divorce is almost universally and unanimously related to immorality. In most instances, the home breaks up after and as a result of the deflection of either one or both parties from the path of rectitude.

Any home relationship, based alone upon sex, is in deadly danger. This is because the marriage relationship must be a sacred and holy union or run the risk of failure. George Elliott Howard, author of "History of Matrimonial Institutions," defined marriage as follows:

"A solemn contract between a man and woman, by which they are united for life . . . It has existed in all ages and probably in all nations . . . It is not the invention of legislators, but arose from the instincts and necessities of society, and its continuance has been provided for by the dictates of experience."

Marriage, as an institution, has not failed us. It is we, as a generation, who have failed marriage. We have been

called "the gutless generation" because so many of us cannot stick to our promises, because we pledge eternal love one moment and walk out the next; we have lost the meaning of loyalty; we are quitters.

The cold fact is that divorce is a proof of the lack of courage, resourcefulness and sound judgment in ninety-nine instances out of one hundred, and in most cases the blame can correctly be laid at the door of both husband and wife. They mutually pull down their home over their own heads.

In thus working havoc with their marriage, they do not even pause to think of their children, and other innocent parties who will suffer. The word "selfishness" could truthfully be written over the portals of most broken homes.

There is another word that should be said in tones of thunder concerning the wrecking of homes by divorce. Professional divorce lawyers, divorce counselors, preachers who major on advising their young parishioners as to their marriage difficulties, are often guilty of exerting an evil influence, which is fatal.

Many ministers, intent on helping their young friends, become the deciding factor in wrecking homes that might have been held together. The switching of pastors to counselors has been fatal. Mr. Whitman continues:

"Successfully married couples know that problems are a part of life and that the very growth of love stems from coping with problems together.

"Many men and women have behaved like spoiled children. They have gone into marriage expecting some magical solution to life's problems; a guarantee of ready-made happiness was what they wanted and they would settle for nothing less. When marriage failed to turn into this infantile fairyland, they turned their backs on it; they quit.

"Shouldn't human beings be made of sturdier stuff? Shouldn't they know — by the time they reach marriageable age — that marriage is not a pat answer to happiness?"

The ordinary divorce court is itself shameless in dealing with the marriage relation. The Judge grants divorces on a patented phrase, "extreme cruelty," which in reality means that the two parties involved have agreed on this expression, as has the court, as covering any and all involvements of the mar-

riage that they now want broken. Here again, I refer to Mr. Whitman and his *Times* article:

"With children we accept the performance of parenthood. We can have difficulties with our children sometimes, we can be angry with them — even furious with them on occasion — but we do not cast them out. We do not divorce our children. Anyone who abandoned his child would be at heart a blackguard and at law a criminal.

"We have loyalty to our country. This, too, may at times involve difficulty; it may require sacrifice. But when the going gets rough we do not turn on our country. We do not divorce our country. For one who does we reserve the most contemptible word in our language: traitor.

"These are days when we call upon ourselves to toughen up, to relinquish some of the spoiledness and indulgence which has made us soft. A challenger has entered the ring of this world, flexing his muscles at us, threatening a knockout.

"While divorce once was looked upon as a most serious measure, to be considered only in the greatest emergency, it has now become accepted by many couples as an instrument of family policy.

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America had best grow up on this divorce situation and face the practical realism of adult life. Else we are headed for the deep abyss. Nothing and nobody can save us from ourselves except ourselves.

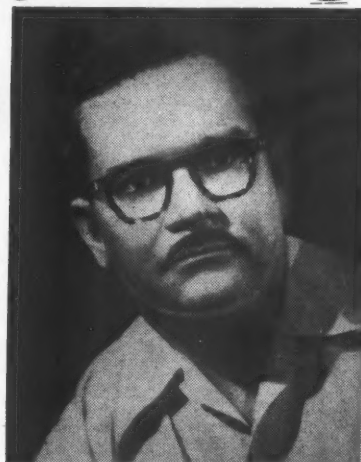
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GET OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS!

John T. Flynn

New York, New York

UNLESS THE AMERICAN people face up to the realities of international life, they are going to find themselves in a peck of trouble as the result of United States involvement in the United Nations — trouble that will make past ones look insignificant by comparison.

Of course, a perfect example of the evil effect of the United Nations (born under the guiding hand of Alger Hiss fifteen years ago) was the recent performance of Boss Khrushchev and his Communist stooges.

They used the United Nations for a worldwide propaganda orgy — with the United States of America supplying most of the money and locale for the show!

But even more serious is the changing character of the United Nations itself. There was a time, for all the United Nations' futility and trouble-making, when the United States and other western nations with a tradition of democratic life at least had a somewhat decisive voice in the decisions and activities of this polyglot collection of so-called "peace-loving" nations (which includes the USSR!).

But now, as fast as a new "nation" emerges from the jungle in Africa, it becomes a member of the United Nations.

It is estimated that in another five years these half-savage African nations will have thirty times the voting power of the United States in the United Nations. Even now, the African bloc can hold the balance of power in the General Assembly.

These nations, whatever else we may think of their aspirations, are, according to some of the United Nations' own agencies, eighty per cent illiterate. What does this mean to Americans and their democratic institutions?

Trouble In The Congo

Take a look at recent events in the Congo. What, actually, was the result of United Nations action? Did the United Nations act against ex-jailbird Lumumba, who kisses Moscow's foot at every opportunity?

Not at all. It acted only against Belgium, a Western nation whose crime was that it gave the Congo its independence.

The results were in Lumumba's favor, and against the province of Katanga and its leaders — the only pro-western nation in the Congo!

The makeup of the United Nations being what it is, perhaps it is not so strange that it never acts decisively against a Communist or pro-Communist

nation or leader. Instead it gives world respectability to these bandit nations.

Another example of the dangers which await us in the United Nations is in the so far unsuccessful, but renewed drive to repeal the Connally Reservation. This reservation is part of the treaty by which the United States Senate approved American participation in the United Nations and its myriad agencies.

The Reservation keeps in American hands the right to decide what issues, involving our institutions and lives, may be tried by a so-called World Court in Geneva, which is part of the United Nations.

If the one-worlders are successful in repealing the Connally Reservation — and the drive will get really hot when the new Congress convenes in January — imagine what kind of deal Americans and American interests would get before such a court — with the judges named by a collection of Communist and Socialist nations, plus the growing number of half-savage and illiterate African nations!

There is only one safe and sane way to safeguard the United States and American interests from the trouble-brewing entanglements of the United Nations. That is to get out of the United Nations as quickly as possible, and sweep the whole subversive mess from American shores.

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FEAR

Rev. Theodore W. Martin

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JESUS WAS IN a boat with His disciples. While He was sleeping in the rear of the ship, a terrible storm arose. The disciples cried to the Lord in fear of their lives.

Christ, who spoke the worlds into being, in this dramatic moment spoke to the raging elements the command of "Peace, be still," and great calm ensued. He then turned to the disciples, who were frozen with astonishment.

Gazing solely at them, he asked, "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" They were full of fears instead of full of faith. That was their trouble. The story is found in Mark 4:37-40.

We live in a neurotic age. People are full of all kinds of fears. Christ characterized the time before His coming again as a day when "men's hearts (would be) failing them for fear." (Luke 21:26)

The strongest Christians are pierced with the devil's darts of dread, doubt and fear. One of the worst enemies within us is fear. Mostly, we are afraid of our own fears. It is often true that "we have nothing to fear but fear itself."

We should have only one kind of fear, and that is humble reverence and awe for the holiness, majesty, and power of God. This fear, the Bible says, is the beginning of wisdom. (Pslam 111:10)

Yet, we are afraid in many ways.

We are afraid of being unequal to a task, of not making a good appearance, of what others think, of being a failure. We are afraid of facing people.

We fear financial insecurity, physical accident, sickness.

We are afraid of changes.

We are afraid to put the Christian life into action, to put time into Christ's service, to give ourselves to the person in need, to invest generously in God's work, to confront a person with Christ as the answer to his problem.

Afraid to speak out against social wrongs; to excuse ourselves from the off-color stories, the idle gossip about another person, the social affair a Christian should not condone by his presence.

Afraid to be committed to daily Bible reading and prayer.

Afraid to bow for silent prayer at the cafeteria or restaurant. Afraid to pray aloud in the presence of others at a prayer service.

Afraid to share a well-chosen tract, to claim allegiance to Christ at work or in the midst of people unsympathetic to Christian principles. Afraid to stand up for Christ. Afraid. Ashamed. Self-centered. Proud.

God's people have their fears addressed by God often in the Bible. Someone has counted 365 "fear nots" in the Bible, one for every day in the year.

The angel who rolled back the stone from the empty tomb of the risen Saviour said unto the women: "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here for He is risen." (Matthew 28:5-6)

There is no fear of evil for those who truly seek Jesus. And He who conquered death has delivered us from the final fear of life, the fear of death. (Hebrews 2:15)

"For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15)

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Timothy 2:7)

Fear is partner with pride because we are afraid to appear foolish before others. Afraid of what others will think of us. Will pride and fear keep you from telling others of Christ, praying to God in public, or standing for what is right?

Fear is the opposite of faith. It is lack of trust, because God is able. He can do what we fear we cannot do. Therefore we should depend on Him.

Fear is the son of Satan which he subtly masquerades in many forms of dress. It is a device of the devil to weaken us.

Fear is born in unbelief, lives in doubt and dies in Christ. John tells us: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made

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perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us." (1 John 4:18-19)

If you fear, you do not love God properly because perfect love casts out fear. With Christ in His love, living and making His home in your heart, there should be no room there for the intruder of fear.

Christ, the Master of Peace, can cast

out Satan's monster of fear, the demon of dread. Even as He brought peace to the stormy sea, He can speak peace to the storms of doubt and fear that rage in the unrest within you.

Why should we be fearful when Christ has such great power and the Bible gives such great promises? As you have faith, Christ can conquer your fears.

EQUALITY -- AMERICAN STYLE

GEORGE PECK

LARGO, FLORIDA

SOME SIXTEEN YEARS AGO, a good friend of mine received a letter written to him by his sixteen-year-old daughter who was attending boarding school. She was puzzled about the meaning of "Equality," a term which she heard so often, but which no one had ever explained to her.

The young lady certainly went to a good source to learn the true American concept of "Equality," when she wrote to her Dad, as you will see when you read the reply, which we are happy to pass along to you.

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The question of equality of which you wrote in your last letter is most interesting. A great many people talk about it, but very few really think about it.

Our country is the political expression of a spiritual idea. The Founding Fathers believed that man was made in the image of God and that consequently men should be free, and that they could be free only if all men were equal one to another.

This obviously does not mean that men are equal in physical strength. It does not mean that they are equal in mental ability, in imaginative quality or in character.

And because they are not physically

and mentally equal, I cannot believe that they will ever be equal in material possessions.

Remember that the concept of equality in this country always has been a spiritual concept, never a material one; it ever has been that men were equal to one another before God, so that no man should be a ruler over his fellowmen. This was a revolutionary thought, coming as it did at the culmination of the period that had featured the "Divine Right of Kings."

In this country men were equal before the law and no man was to be an administrator or judge over his fellow men without the consent of the majority of his community, whether it was city, state or nation.

Of the same importance in this idea of equality was the fact that the administrators and judges were at all times subject to the same laws as the rest of the people, from whom they came and whose interests they were selected to serve.

Thus grew up in our country the belief in a government of laws, not a government of men.

But, people will also say to you that there should be equality of opportunity. To the extent that all children should have as much love and happiness and education and reasonable discipline as

we can give them, that is so. But opportunity is for him who takes it.

Booker Washington and George Washington Carver were, I believe, born as slaves. Nearly all of us have had greater opportunity than they had, but they became two of our greatest citizens.

The realization of opportunity then does not depend on electricity or modern plumbing. The realization of opportunity depends on ability and character. And since ability without character is usually worthless, character is the final determining quality that brings opportunity to its fulfillment.

Thus, it is true to a great extent that, while you can offer opportunity to people, you can never give it to them. The people must have the character to perfect their own opportunities.

So it is also with freedom and democracy. You cannot give freedom or democracy to anyone and anyone who talks about doing so is either a knave or a fool. Both are the result of self-discipline, which is a part of character.

You can restore freedom to the Norwegians and other peoples who have previously won it for themselves, but other peoples must acquire it through self-discipline and self-control.

It is because of these facts that citizenship in the United States is so much more glorious a thing than being a slave to a totalitarian government. Here we make our own rules and we tax ourselves to enforce them.

In a communist or fascist state, the people are told what to do and have no free discussion concerning it, and no choice but to obey.

A self-governing people must be an adult people, able to discipline themselves. Fascists and Communists are like children who have to be disciplined from above, usually with a heavy hand.

You and I had the great good fortune to be born in a free country — free because we are equal under the law. If we are to keep it that way, we must accept the responsibilities that go with it.

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We liked this letter when we were privileged to read it for the first time sixteen years ago. Many readings of it over the intervening years have served to enhance our regard for it. We hope our readers will share our high opinion of this down-to-earth description of "Equality — American Style."

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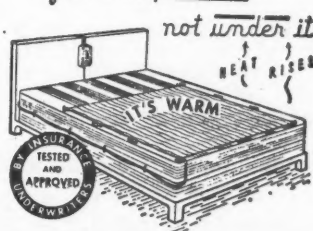
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Though the old axiom reads that every American boy dreams of being President, the men in the White House were apt to see it otherwise.

Our very first Chief Executive, Washington, upon completion of his first term, quipped, "I'd rather be in the grave than in the presidency again."

John Quincy Adams summed up his tenure as "the unhappiest four years of my life."

After leaving the Capital, Thomas Jefferson sighed, "Never did a prisoner, released from his chains, feel such relief as I shall on shaking off the shackles of power."

James Buchanan told his successor Abraham Lincoln, "If you are as happy, dear sir, on entering this house as I am leaving it, you are the happiest man in the country."

And after Lincoln had been in the White House for a while, he had this to say about being President: "I feel like the man who was tarred and feathered and ridden out of town on a rail."

James Polk simply said, "I shall be a happier man in my retirement."

The path leading to the White House has also provoked some interesting sidelights into the nation's number one position.

James Monroe's inauguration was the first one to be held outdoors. Henry Clay was afraid the floor of the House wouldn't hold the crowd.

Zachary Taylor never voted in his life until he became President.

Franklin Pierce's campaign literature was written by his college chum, Nathaniel Hawthorne.

James A. Garfield was the only president who ever attempted to decline the presidency at a convention. He was stopped by a point of order.

Herbert Hoover's campaign was unusual in that he never mentioned his opponent's name in any of his campaign speeches.

ARTHRITIS AND FOLK MEDICINE

A New Book of Simple Treatments

IN THIS second volume from the pen of D. C. Jarvis, M.D., whose first book, "Folk Medicine," (see *The Defender*, May 1960, page 22) became a best seller and brought him international fame, are to be found the facts and scientific reasons behind Vermont folk medicine. Here, however, he centers his attention on that dreadful disease formerly known as rheumatism, or — in the vernacular, "rheumatiz."

The cause of this malady is not fully known, but Dr. Jarvis' theory seems to be sound. Very seldom is it the direct cause of death, but it is excruciatingly painful and often crippling.

More people suffer from it than from any other chronic disease. It is more prevalent among the old, but a considerable percentage of young people do not escape it. The author says:

"People with arthritis live in a world of pain, helplessness, and confusion. When it strikes, with agony, swelling, and stiffness, worry and fear must follow ... often they are told there is nothing to be done, that there is no cure."

Dr. Jarvis received the accepted medical education, and after beginning his practice in Vermont, realized that folk medicine presented a different approach toward solution of medical problems from that which he had learned in college, and that a working knowledge of it might be helpful.

He became particularly interested in arthritis and decided to study folk medicine seriously. Gleaning information from the wisdom of honey bees, the instinct of children in eating raw rhubarb and sorrel, the appetite of farm animals in selection of food and their liking for apple cider vinegar, and the wisdom of adults in carrying over their childhood instincts to guide and protect in food selection, he learned to contrast

their results with those of people who rebel against nature's plan.

He says, "Somehow we find it hard to accept the wise plan nature has provided for us. We rebel against her and try constantly to revise the plan and shape it to our own desires. But it never works."

"Sooner or later we are punished in the form of sickness, which may sometimes be arthritis. Nature has a way of eliminating humans who break her laws."

Organized medicine is built on the premise that germs or viruses produce disease, and places the emphasis on the disease itself, rather than on the sick person and his environment.

Folk medicine is always a natural product. In Vermont folk medicine the correct use of its remedies helps shift the human gear into low speed for the prevention of what might be termed "energy diseases."

In combination with this treatment is a change of one's food intake. White flour products, while sugar, and processed foods should be replaced by natural foods from garden, orchard, farm and ocean.

Since the body is mineral in composition, processed food products do not supply its needs, for in processing many elements are lost or lessened in amount.

In his garden Dr. Jarvis found a remarkable resemblance between plants and people. He deduces that similar care should bring similar results. He also found that children and animals have a natural desire for acid foods which tend to place calcium in solution in the body tissues, which keeps them tender and young. To deny this natural craving means the beginning of degeneration of the tissues and the lessening

of ability to perform their vital functions.

"Sickness is not always caused primarily by harmful germs and viruses," says Dr. Jarvis. "It may be the result of an altered chemistry that creates in the body suitable soil for harmful germ and virus growth."

The Doctor argues that prolonged alkaline reaction disturbs the whole body and leaves it a prey for all diseases. Vermont folk medicine teaches that changing back to an acid content will prevent most diseases, or if already present, will alleviate or cure them.

Dr. Jarvis reached his conclusions through years of studying the effects of his simple medicines, not only on people, but on many kinds of farm animals. In all of them, prevention, healing, and general good health resulted when faithfully used.

The final chapter of this valuable treatise summarizes eleven reasons why this simple treatment is prescribed in arthritis; seven reasons why one ingredient is used as a result of two centuries experience in use; and six reasons for the third. Another simple medicine is suggested as an extra weapon against the disease.

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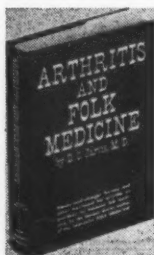
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While visiting Florida (a district here in Puerto Rico where there are several Defender Chapels), seeing clear streams, a beautiful panorama of trees, pineapple and grapefruit plantations, he said: "When I retire I will move to a place like this and write a Bible commentary."

But God knew better ... and took him to a land that is fairer than day, a land where there is no night, a land where there is no sickness nor sorrow. Even now he is with his Lord, waiting for that great day when we shall all be together again in God's Tomorrow.

I am proud of the fact however, that while on this earth, Puerto Rico was a land that Gerald B. Winrod loved. His friendship was keenly appreciated by our people ... and the love was mutual.

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Acts 4:12, words of Peter, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." That is the Bible answer. The Bible says that men are lost if they do not know Jesus Christ. Therefore, whether you or I understand it or not - we do know they are lost and not saved apart from Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is your business and it is my business to give them the Gospel.

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Question: How can we evangelize the world in the space of one generation?

Answer: I don't believe it can be done by sending out missionaries. We are doing that all the time. It is important; it should be done - but I believe the only way we can evangelize the world in our generation is by means of the printed page. We must take the message of God's salvation to every home in a nation, and if we can do that we can reach the entire nation and finally the entire world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Question: How can we evangelize the world in one generation?

Answer: First of all, let me say that we must complete the evangelization of the world within the limits of a single generation. It cannot be done gradually. The world's population increases by leaps and bounds.

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I know of no other method that will succeed in reaching the multitudes of this world except the method of the distribution of the printed page.

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Question: Why do the heathen or pagans believe and accept Christianity more readily than our civilized heathen do in this country?

Answer: I think the Bible itself answers that question. "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed and that without remedy." It seems as though when people are reproved again and again, as they reject the reproofment they become hardened against the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is most difficult to win them.

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Do you know that in the homeland most people are saved before they are twenty-five years of age. Why is that? Because habits become fixed. If we keep saying "No," it is going to be difficult to say "Yes." We harden ourselves against the gospel. I think that is why it is so much easier to win souls to Christ in foreign lands than it is in the homeland.

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Question: According to Acts 1:8, does not the Bible clearly state that Gospel work at home comes first, even before foreign missions?

Answer: This verse is so often misquoted. This is the way it is quoted, as a rule: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, first in Jerusalem, after that in Judaea, then in

Samaria, and finally unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Now this is not the way it reads. It reads like this: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

What is the meaning of the word both?

At one and the same time. Ye shall be witnesses unto me at one and the same time in Jerusalem, at one and the same time in Judaea, at one and the same time in Samaria, and at one and the same time in the uttermost part of the earth. The job of overseas evangelization is to be done at one and the same time as evangelism at home.

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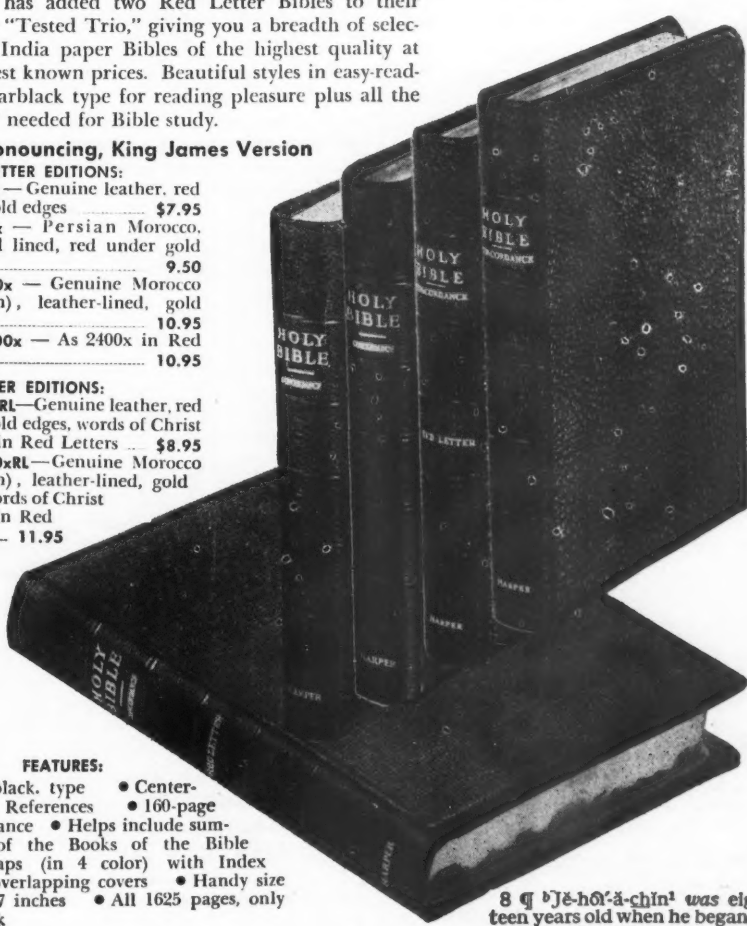
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He stunned me with the retort, "Nobody is interested in the Sunday Schools of America. Some may be interested in their own Sunday Schools."

I wish that I could tell you that my experience has disproved the above claim, but it does not. It rather confirms it. However, as a result of this thought-provoking conversation I have been moved to prepare a message entitled, "Five Ways To Make Your Community Conscious of Your Sunday School."

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Am I right when I say that much of our praying, our planning, yes, even our paying, has begun at Jerusalem . . . and some has gone to the uttermost part of the earth, but a great gap has been left between. Judaea and Samaria have been forgotten.

Christians in America have failed their country and their Lord in neglecting to pray for their own land. Many Christians who meet regularly in their places of worship for prayer each week will remember those in foreign lands and those of their own church circle with little or no thought for those of their community, state or nation.

Small wonder we have the indifference to the church and Sunday School on the part of the world when the world sees so much indifference on the part of the church.

Churches, like individuals, can and do become egocentric, but it always means uselessness and finally death. Let us ask God to give us a vision that begins at Jerusalem and extends around the globe, including Judaea and Samaria.

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Sunday School conscious, but that was not the result of pastors, superintendents and Sunday School teachers saying, "I'm interested in my Sunday School, but I can't be bothered about yours."

For instance, there was a time when every county in Illinois had a Sunday School association and sponsored their own convention each year. Sunday School teachers were inspired and instructed and the Sunday Schools grew and the whole state felt the impact of the Sunday School.

This was not the work of egocentric Christians or self-centered, self-satisfied Sunday Schools. It was largely the result of a man named Moody with a burden for a state, yes, a nation, and a world.

May our vision include a state, a nation, a world; may our burden be increased till we'll do something toward reaching all our vision includes. The Sunday School is the greatest agency the Church has to reach every age group, every member of the family.

Would you like to see your community made conscious of your Sunday School? It can be. I want to give five ways you can make your community conscious of your Sunday School.

A Better Informed Personnel

We need the Sunday School redefined. Perhaps because the Sunday School is over 175 years old, too many of us have taken it for granted. We need to learn again its purposes and its aims. Many are working in Sunday Schools today who do not know what it actually is.

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For several years it was my privilege to teach a class in Sunday School Administration and Organization. The first assignment I gave was to write a definition of the Sunday School. The majority of the class were Sunday School Superintendents, some pastors and several teachers.

Is this too difficult an assignment for such a class? The most usual answer would be something like this. "A Sunday School is an organization to teach the Bible to children."

May I ask you two things about this reply. First, "who said the Sunday School is only a teaching institution?" The first responsibility of the Sunday School is to reach. The great commission said, "Go," before it said, "teach." The Lord commanded His disciples to go into the highways and byways and persuade them to come in.

In modern language every Christian is to be a salesman for Jesus. Nowhere in the Bible is the unbeliever commanded to come to the house of God. Many are the commands to the believer to go, to get, and to give. The reason the average Sunday School is not teaching any more is because they are not reaching any more.

The second question I would ask is, "who said we were only to teach children?" The Sunday School is for everyone. Every member of the family needs to be in Sunday School. Many adults who attend church and even help in Sunday School think in terms of Sunday School only for children.

The Sunday School is the church at work. The Sunday School is the workshop of the church. The church and the Sunday School are one in their purposes and aims.

The Sunday School is an organization that has as its purpose the reaching of men and women, youth, boys and girls, with the gospel, winning them to the Lord Jesus Christ, "teaching them to observe all things," training them to reach, to win, and to teach others also.

This is God's method of building Christian citizens and remember, every Christian is either useful or useless.

More Interested Pastors

If we are ever going to make our communities conscious of our Sunday Schools, we must have pastors that are truly interested in the Sunday Schools.

The pastor is a key man in any church. If he isn't, he should be. We cannot expect our nation to be more conscious of the Sunday School than our churches.

Our churches will be no more Sunday School conscious than our pastors are. Our pastors will be no more Sunday School conscious than the schools and seminaries they attend.

I heard a former pastor who is now a state director of Christian education for a leading denomination say, "When I was in Seminary I thought the only ones who took courses in Christian education were those so dumb they flunked Hebrew and Greek. When I got into the pastorate, I found my people wished I knew something more about Christian education. All that I had learned about Greek was Greek to them."

God forbid that we discourage anyone from scholastic study, but we certainly need to be sure our education is well-rounded and practical.

Many pastors know very little about their Sunday Schools. I have talked with great preachers who didn't know the difference between the beginner and primary departments.

It is interesting to observe that the fastest growing churches and the fastest growing denominations are those where the pastors are vitally interested in the Sunday School. Indeed, a great per cent of our church members still comes from the Sunday School.

What sensible salesman will neglect his most fruitful field? A prominent Southern California pastor says, "Any

pastor that does not give at least fifty per cent of his time to the Sunday School is neglecting his work."

However, from a national standpoint I am happy to report that I believe more and more pastors are attending Sunday School conferences, taking notes and asking questions than ever before in this century.

We are also happy to report that a number of Christian schools have added courses in Christian education and personnel to teach them. These are encouraging trends. The results will be felt in our churches.

If we are going to make an impression upon our community, we must have more interested pastors.

An Improved Program

The third thing that must take place if we are going to make an impression upon our community is an improved program. It's still true, "If our Sunday Schools are going to be bigger, they must be better."

Visit a few Sunday Schools; take a look at your own and perhaps you'll ask with me, not "why don't they come?" but, "why does anybody come? Why do as many people come as do come?"

There is an answer. They come because they are spiritually hungry; because they want food; because they want to try and serve. But think of the thousands, even millions that might be reached if we had a program to interest and instruct them.

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in two parts — an assembly and a class period. The need for better prepared, trained teachers is great, but it doesn't begin to compare with the need for better trained Sunday School superintendents.

The average assembly period in ninety-five per cent of our Sunday Schools is evidence of a great need here. Little prayer, little planning, little preparation, are in evidence.

The church and the Sunday School have Christ to give to the world. We may differ in some very essential things, but basically evangelical protestantism sees in Christ the Hope of the world.

Why then are we failing so in reaching those of our communities? Because we are negligent in planning a program that will really inspire, instruct, interest.

What are elements of an opening assembly? The Bible, making the program Christ-centered, prayer, and music are always the chief elements. These can be presented in various ways and well by several people.

The superintendent is a coordinator to see that each one who is to take part is invited and prepared. The musicians, pianist, song leader, and special music should be informed of their part in the program well in advance.

The central portion of the program must give out the Word of Life. It may be a brief message by a teacher or a visiting speaker. It may be a visual aid as an object lesson. There are good ones for all ages. The superintendent doesn't have to prepare all special events. In fact, he shouldn't.

A few good rules are: Use as many people as possible. Begin on time and close on time. See that the program progresses rapidly. See that a variety of things are included throughout the year.

Every superintendent ought to make his own year book — marking special days and Sundays to be observed in special ways, such as missionary Sundays, tithing teaching, temperance emphasis, rally day, promotion day, etc. It is just as easy to be planning several Sundays at a time as it is one, and the preparation should be much better.

It takes time to plan and prepare and to properly execute a program, but it pays big dividends.

Invite More People

The first important thing is to get a program going, then invite the people.

Get the house cleaned up before the company comes. It is definitely wrong to publicize unless we have something to publicize. You may get people out

once, but if they are disappointed, they will be harder to get back again.

Any business interested in return purchases is interested in its customers, and any business that doesn't have them is soon out of business. The Sunday School must take care of its customers.

Teachers must be expected to take care of visitors and absentees. No Sunday School has any right to even dream of an expansion program unless they are taking care of those they already have.

Why get any more to neglect? Any Sunday School that will systematically take care of the absentees and visitors will see its average attendance and its enrollment grow.

How many visitors did you have in your Sunday School last year? One a week is a total of fifty-two. Where are they? How many became regular? If not, why not? If they are not in your Sunday School now, they are either in somebody else's, or not in any.

Why didn't they become regular? Were they neglected? It's so easy for the gang — perhaps better known as "the clique," to be so friendly that they ignore the stranger and the visitor.

I heard of a man in Chicago who went to church and left his hat on. The pastor noticed it and asked an usher to request the gentleman to remove the covering. The usher went and spoke to the man, saying, "Sir, would you kindly remove your hat?" The man seemed enthusiastic and replied — "I knew it would do it, I knew it would do it. I've come here for six weeks and you're the first person who has spoken to me."

Maybe your church isn't that bad, but we see a great need in most churches for improvement here. Many church members leave the job of making friends up to the pastor and maybe the Sunday School superintendent.

Perhaps we've excused ourselves and say, "why should I invite anyone to church? The church is a public place. Anyone can come who wants to."

That may be, but the average man who doesn't attend church is as ill at ease in church as some of us would be at the corner bar. Why so? Because they have very little idea of what goes on behind those church doors.

Perhaps occasionally they are curious enough to respond to an invitation, but they would probably not venture in alone. Few of the strangers that come to our church are concerned with our orthodoxy. They probably don't know, and care less, as to whether we're evangelical or fundamental, but they do know and care if we're friendly.

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preacher. It is the usher at Sunday School as well as at church that has the first chance to show himself interested in the newcomer.

Church members need to be reminded and trained to invite people to come back again. "Thank you, call again" is a familiar sign as we leave the restaurant or department store. Too often it's neither in sight nor on our lips as strangers leave our buildings.

Invite them to return. Invite those who attend some services of the church to attend others. For instance, in most morning worship services there are from twenty-five to fifty per cent who were not in Sunday School.

It's a good time to invite, not only from the pulpit but person to person, even if it is an organized effort with key leaders assigned to sections of the building, to speak to and invite all who were not in Sunday School to attend next week.

Invitations should vary. There are many ways to invite people to public gatherings. Use every legitimate method to inform them of what is going on and to interest them in coming. Here are a few:

The church bulletin, special letters and cards and invitations, public announcements, radio spot and news announcements of special events. The newspaper is an excellent means and could be used much more if stories were well written and gotten to reporters in time.

All these methods are good, but none excels the personal contact. Shortly before the last election an interesting comment appeared in a popular weekly magazine regarding the importance of personal contacts and elections. All that is true of elections is true and moreso of the Sunday School and church.

"The real job before all of us who want a . . . victory is not to sit around and complain. This is not a one man show. The fight is everybody's fight. Candidates don't win elections alone.

"Organized personal efforts at the voter level and vigorous man to man persuasion are decisive. Elections are not won on the stump or on the TV screen. They are won at the front door of the voter, and at the roadside in the country and at the work bench in the factory.

"For the women it should be added that elections are won also when they drop in on their neighbors and chat. It is a well-known fact that personal contacts and personal contacts alone are the final means of delivering the vote." (Newsweek, September, 1952)

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For Sunday School it can certainly be said that the fastest growing churches and Sunday Schools are those employing visitation contact methods. It is scriptural and it gets results.

Invest More Than Pennies

We must invest more time. The job well done means hours of effort. Let's challenge our men and women with the bigness of the task. It's an all-week job.

How often we've heard superintendents persuading, begging someone to take a class with, "they're only little tots, it won't take much time — half an hour or so on Sunday morning."

The Sunday School teachers of America have the biggest job of any single corps of workers. These men and women can do more to change the tide of irreligion, immorality, irresponsibility, than any group in the land.

Laws won't do it. We've got laws. Government can't do it. Christ can do it as He is given opportunity to touch lives that the Sunday School has reached, but it takes time — your time.

We must invest more than pennies. Pennies and Sunday School have seemingly gone together ever since Sunday School first began, but it takes more than pennies to build good Sunday Schools.

What Sunday School does not need better equipment and more and better buildings, to care for those they have labored to reach? Whether on a local, state or national level, if we are to do the job as it must be done, we must invest more dollars.

The Holy Spirit outlined the program for the church to follow — "beginning at Jerusalem and Judaea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Don't slacken your efforts at home or abroad, but let's include in our plans Judaea and Samaria with a more informed personnel, more interested pastors, an improved program, by inviting more people and by investing more time and money in the greatest cause of all — that of reaching every member of every family of every nation with the gospel message of Christ.



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LESSON NUMBER ONE

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GOD OUR BENEFACTOR

The Key Word: Bless

Many advantages accrue from the habit of grateful praise. We need not search far for vivid illustrations of the effects produced upon one's temper and heart by a songful spirit of thanksgiving.

We admit that there is much all around us to test human patience. But the question is, What are we going to do about it? We can answer that question in one of two ways — either we carp and grow morose; or we rise cheerfully above it, and diligently seek for those kind mitigations which Divine wisdom has made to accompany all our vexing experiences.

We can wear our lives out in discontent, finding fault with everything that annoys; or we can labor trustfully on, recognizing the good, and ingeniously endeavoring to counteract and balance the evil. What we think determines what we shall become.

But now add to this that a decided cheerfulness of praise really seems to modify work. Gratitude transmutes our disciplines into evidences of love.

It is related of one of the most distinguished clergymen in England that he always read at the family altar on Saturday evening this one hundred and third Psalm. But his wife died. The following Saturday he paused a moment and then said quietly, "I see no reason why we should not choose our usual song tonight."

There is in the writings of Thomas Fuller one curiously quaint portion which is often quoted: "Lord, my voice by nature is harsh and untunable, and it is vain to lavish any art to better it. Can my singing of psalms be pleasing to Thy ears which is unpleasant to my own? Yet, though I cannot chant with the nightingale, or chirp with the blackbird, I had rather chatter with the swallow, yea, rather croak with the raven, than be altogether silent.

"Hadst Thou given me a better voice, I would have praised Thee with a bet-

ter voice; now what my music wants in sweetness, let it have in sense — singing praises with my understanding.

"Yea, Lord, create in me a new heart, therein to make melody, and I will be content with my old voice, until, in Thy due time, being admitted unto the choir of heaven, I have another, more harmonious, bestowed on me."

He does the best work, in this moping, croaking age, whose cheerful face gives the benediction of a happy heart wherever a heavy step treads just behind him. Count your blessings ... name them one by one. It may be difficult to understand why we are not blessed with much of this world's goods ... but how ashamed we should feel for our fault-finding when we pass the blind beggar on the street!

We may never pause to thank God for health, until we walk down the corridors of a crowded hospital, or visit a quiet rest home. God expects His children to think in positive terms. As we do, we cannot help but have a song of praise always on our lips because of His bountiful mercies.

The Key Verse: Psalm 103:10

"He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."

This is the Season of Thanksgiving when Americans set aside a special day to acknowledge our gratitude to a beneficent and merciful God. Think back to Thanksgiving of 1959. What have we done to deserve His bounties during this past year?

If we are honest, we will acknowledge our sins ... both those of commission and omission. We have confessed these iniquities. Now let us be humble, penitent, and thankful.

Just what have we received from the hand of God during the past year? His gifts are innumerable, as well as priceless. To list only the temporal mercies would be an endless task.

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Most of us have enjoyed continued health. We have had food in abundance. Our clothing has been more than sufficient. He has made it possible that we have suitable shelter over our heads and He has blessed us with the joys of warm, personal friendships.

On the spiritual side, we have likewise had many wonderful gifts — the Bible, times of worship, a comfortable sanctuary, the joy of His presence and realization of His love and care.

What have we returned to Him during the past year? The earth has received the sunshine and showers, and in return has given foliage, flowers and fruits. Have our hearts and lives yielded fruit to the glory of God for all His goodness to us? Or have they been like barren rock or desert sands, giving no response or return for heavenly influences received?

The Key Fact: God Has Forgiven All Our Transgressions

Notice that no sins are listed here. Only the two words, "our transgressions." A lawyer, advising a client concerning his will, that if he wished to leave all his property to one person, then merely state that he bequeathed everything to his legatee, without attempting to list the goods and chattels, since he would be sure to omit some of them.

For example, a farmer who desired his wife to have everything, listed (as he thought), all his property; but he actually forgot to mention his largest farm, on which stood the very house in which they lived. Thus his attempt to be exact failed, and his wife lost a large part of the property.

Let us then be thankful that in our text God takes in the whole compass of — "our transgressions." He sweeps them all away at once. Even as the fleeing Israelites saw all their Egyptian enemies dead on the seashore, so God has obliterated all our transgressions.

LESSON NUMBER TWO

November 27, 1960

GOD OUR STRENGTH

The Key Word: Strong

"Be strong in the Lord" means be strong in prayer ... and never was the warning more needful than in our day. We live in an age of steam and electricity, of jets and atoms, of activity and bustle, of jostle and close contact ... an age which is nothing if not practical, an age which scarcely disguises its contempt for a life of contemplation.

We are all tempted to fancy that the

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hours given to prayer and meditation are wasted hours. We are all the more inclined to think so, because of so many earnest men working zealously in the cause of humanity, who do not even pretend to be in any sense men of prayer. Every life, however faithfully it be spent in service to others, falls immeasurably below what it might be, if not inspired by prayer.

A famed evangelist tells how he recently stood before one of the grandest creations of human art, the San Sisto Madonna of Raphael. He studied it carefully ... then noticed beside it an exact copy — the work of a good artist. Every feature, every fold of drapery, every shade and tint of color, was a faithful reproduction of the great masterpiece. Yet something was lacking. That nameless something which constitutes the divine genius of an original Raphael, could not be copied — and the copy became only a lifeless imitation.

Thus it is with the life of a man who prays, compared with the life of one who prays not. We all know men whose features are transparent with the light of radiant purity and know it is a reflection from Jesus, the Light of the world.

In their presence we breathe a purer atmosphere, which sends us away stronger in courage and in purpose. They have a strength which others have not because they are men of prayer, going every morning to the day's work, refreshed and invigorated, and turning now and again, throughout the day, to their Master's face.

We too, may train ourselves, in every moment of doubt and difficulty, of trial and temptations — in every act of daily life — to look upon that Face so helpful in its calm strength, so sweet in its radiant purity and we, too, shall lead noble lives, becoming "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."

The Key Verse: Ephesians 6:11

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

The Romans called the baggage and equipment of their army *impedimenta*, hindrances, because its transportation impeded their progress.

So, although the Evil One cannot destroy the soldier of the army of Christ, he can annoy, and load him down with

many impediments to cripple his energies and hinder his Christian progress.

These snares of the devil are also *impedimenta*, which cause the believer to halt, to turn aside from the straight course, to slumber at his post, and give way to discouragement, until he is far from accomplishing the high attainments which were within his reach.

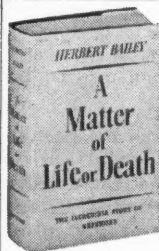
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A pastor of another generation once said to an audience of young men: "There is no courage so noble as that which resists the devil, and is valiant for Christ. Cromwell wore under his garment a coat of mail; wore it whether he was in camp, or in court, or in chambers. He never could know when the dagger would be thrust at him, so he was always ready.

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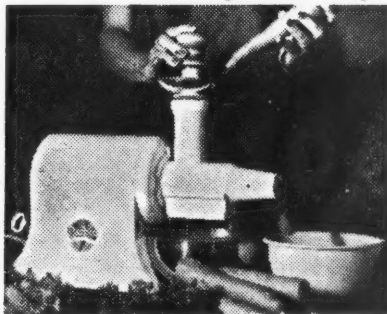
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LESSON NUMBER THREE

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THE LOVE OF GOD

The Key Word: Love

This is perhaps the most misinterpreted term in the English language. Ask five persons to define love ... and you will receive five completely different personal opinions, none of which conveys the true meaning of the word.

Some weeks ago the compiler of these lessons discovered a translation of Scripture which gives a more complete definition of love. Reading from the Amplified New Testament, the thirteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we discovered this:

"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy; is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

"It is not conceited — arrogant and inflated with pride; it is not rude (un-mannerly), and does not act unbecomingly. Love [God's love in us] does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it — pays no attention to a suffered wrong.

"It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.

"Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything [without weakening].

"Love never fails — never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end ..."

Now take this definition as recorded by the Apostle Paul and apply it to our own personal lives. Measure our capacity for love by this divinely inspired yardstick, and see whether or not we fall short.

Many of us are guilty of mistaking physical attraction or mere affection for love. The true test of our mettle comes in the hours of crises, misfortune or sorrow. It is then that many of us realize, sometimes too late, that we misjudged our capacity for love.

Earthly friends may fail us but we have the assurance that there is One who sticketh closer than a brother. His love endures forever. As His followers, He protects us beneath the shadow of His wing.

The Key Verse: Jeremiah 31:3

"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."

Notice God's love for man is personal, "I have loved thee." God has endowed us with more faculties for enjoyment than any other creature in the universe possesses. He has given us intellect, by which we can enjoy the pleasures of meditation; social affection, by which we can enjoy the blessings of friendship; spiritual affinity, by which we can have kinship with the source of all life and blessedness.

Also note that His love is everlasting. Humanity had nothing to do with exciting it. Christ had nothing to do with procuring it. His meditation was the effect, not the cause of God's love for man. His meditation was no after thought. The Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world.

God's love for man is attractive. Kindness is always attractive; and its attracting power is always in proportion to its spontaneity, disinterestedness, and magnanimity.

Would that we might understand the meaning of the expression, "The love of God." It is hinted at in this world. Passing along the street, one may hear strains of music, and say, "That is from Beethoven, or Mozart, I recognize the movement."

So in this life, we catch and recognize strains of the love of God. We behold it in the mother's self-denying love, and in the little child's innocent affection. But these things are only hints.

The Key Fact: God Draws Us Toward Him

Scarcely anybody likes to be driven, but there are very few who do not in their hearts enjoy the drawing process. Cast round about the heart those mysterious cords of love, as soft as silk and yet as strong as steel; ah! they cannot be resisted, and the wonder of it is that there is any desire to resist them.

Love has conquered us. Its cords have been let down from heaven to encircle and lift us out of the abyss, just as was done to Jeremiah when he was in the pit. Ropes were lowered by friends, and he was drawn up to life and liberty.

Yes, it is the Cross that draws us. What a magnet is that Cross! The power of the atonement is felt by all who believe and accept, and by it are made willing to enter into the blessing of God.

Some of us scarcely know how, but we finally found ourselves beneath the bloodstained tree. We had turned our

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back upon it for many a year, but it turned us around at last. Blessed be the Name of our loving Saviour! These cords are still drawing men to Him. How can anyone resist the love of God in Jesus Christ?

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

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GOD'S MERCIFUL PROMISE

The Key Word: Light

Christ was the Light spoken of by the prophet. To the Jews, how well calculated was His appearance to clear up the obscurities of their own Mosaic ritual and prophetic declarations!

To the Gentiles, no less did the coming of Christ present a religion able, for the first time, to resolve all their doubts, to satisfy all their wants, and unite the whole family of man under one great Head.

Notice that it was a sudden light, unexpected by most, and undeserved by all. It was the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, that rose upon a benighted world. It was the great true light. It shines with a ray which, said John, "lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

It is that which is adapted to man as man, beaming with an evidence to be resisted only by willful blindness, and convincing all with a force which leaves without excuse the wanderer who perishes in his sin. It is a Divine light shining from the very throne of God Himself.

Picture to yourself a traveler overtaken by night in a defile, the sky concealed from his view by clouds and darkness; hearing wild beasts ready to attack him and imagine his terror as he seeks in vain for a refuge. If to this man a glimmering light shines from a distant cottage, what joy, what hope of escape would burst upon his mind!

Yet this but faintly represents the true scene, for the light from God is not a transitory light which may soon be extinguished, but a bright light arising in the land; a light that originated in heaven to shine on benighted man.

Some North American Indian tribes formerly held their New Year's feast with revolting ceremonies. Their sick and aged were neglected, and sometimes put to death to avoid the trouble of caring for them. But since missionaries brought them the Gospel and they became Christians their New Year's feast is kept in a very different way.

Before it begins a list of the aged and sick is prepared. Bundles of good things are packed up and sent to each by the fleetest runners, who consider it a joy

and not a burden. Surely these people "have seen a great light."

The Key Verse: Isaiah 6:9

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

It is not necessary to suppose that the prophet knew the literal meaning of his own words. He is but a poor preacher who knows all that he has said in his sermon. Had the prophet done so, he would be no longer the contemporary of his own epoch. It is the glory of prophecy to feel after.

It is the glory of science to say long before the planet is discovered — there is another world there: no telescope has seen it, no message of light has been received from it consciously, but keep your telescope in that direction, there must be a starry pulse just there.

It is the glory of the prophet to see signs which have infinite meanings — to see the harvest in the seed, the noonday in the faintest tint of dawn, the mighty man in the helpless infant, the Socrates in the embryo.

This pre-vision made the prophets seemingly mad. Their knowledge was to them but a prison, so small, so dark, yet now and again almost alive with a glory all but revealed. The horizon was loaded with gloom, yet here and there a rent showed them that heaven was immediately behind, and might at any moment make the dark cold earth bright and warm with eternal summer.

The Key Fact: Christ Revealed God

"Seek fellowship with Zeus," cried Epictetus, in a last, eager, desperate appeal. Alas! it was the Zeus that was wanting; and to find him Epictetus must pass his disciples on to a higher school.

There was a yearning for God, for personal fellowship with God, for personal likeness to God, unknown to the older ages; marking a grand advance in the aspiration and effort of the noblest and most far-seeing spirits.

"But who is this Zeus, the god of whom you talk, that I may believe on him," was the questioning cry which grew more hopeless and more agonizing generation after generation; to which tradition had no answer, to which philosophy had no answer, to which religion had no answer; to which no answer was possible until One stood on the earth and said, "No man hath seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." Then man began to look up and live!

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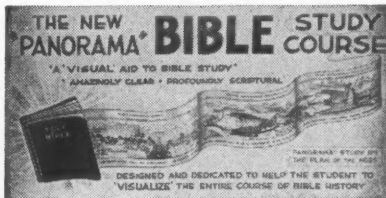
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